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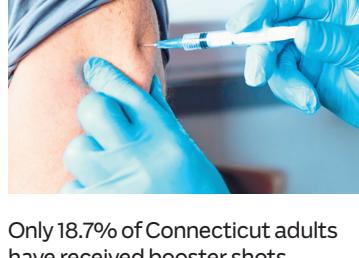
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### CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## Boosters urged for all adults



Only 18.7% of Connecticut adults have received booster shots.  
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Anticipating change in CDC guidance, Lamont says all residents can get widely available shot

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

WINDSOR — With COVID-19 transmission again increasing, Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday that all Connecticut adults should immediately get a booster shot to avoid the coronavirus.

"If you're over 18, go get yourself a booster shot right now if you haven't had one already," Lamont told reporters in Windsor. "If it's six months from your last booster shot, get a booster shot. I think that's the right thing to do. ... We're not an island. A booster shot will protect you, your family, and our state."

Lamont, who said he wasn't ready to endorse booster shots for everyone earlier this week, said he is not issuing an executive order on the issue because he expects the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to change its guidance soon.

"The CDC's confusing guidance is going to be made clear within 24 hours that says 'go get yourself a booster shot if you're over 18 and it's been at least six months since

your last vaccination,'" Lamont said.

Booster shots are widely available through online signup at pharmacies and health care providers throughout Connecticut.

Lamont noted that the positivity rate has been rising in some nearby states. In Connecticut, the weekly average for positive COVID-19 cases has been rising since late September.

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Amid frustration from environmental activists, governor backtracks comments about the transportation initiative, says he would sign the bill if it reaches him



"If somebody wants to take the lead and get this to my desk, I'll sign it," Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday when asked about the Transportation and Climate Initiative. **MARK MIRKO / HARTFORD COURANT**

## LAMONT REVERSES ON CLIMATE BILL

*"It just shows how climate change is still used as this political pawn. ... That's really hard to see because for my generation, for people like me, that's our future that he's playing with."*

*Sena Wazer, codirector of Sunrise Movement Connecticut*

By Alex Putterman, Daniela Altamari and Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

WINDSOR — One day after saying he would no longer push for the Transportation and Climate Initiative this year, Gov. Ned Lamont changed course again Wednesday, saying he would "absolutely" sign the measure if it reaches his desk.

"If somebody wants to take the lead and get this to my desk, I'll sign it," the Democratic governor told reporters.

Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney said the governor, not the legislature, sets the agenda.

"On an issue like this, there has to be

gubernatorial leadership," Looney, a Democrat from New Haven, said. "You cannot lead from the rear."

TCI, a multistate initiative designed to reduce Connecticut's emissions while raising money for other measures to fight climate change, fizzled in the state legislature earlier this year despite support from key lawmakers. Proponents say it is necessary to reduce pollution in the short term and preserve the planet in the long term, while opponents have focused on the increase in fuel prices due to the initiative.

Lamont, who backed TCI during this year's legislative session, said Tuesday that

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## House censures lawmaker over video

Arizona's Gosar receives first such rebuke in 11 years

By Kevin Freking and Brian Slodysko  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to censure Republican Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona for posting of an animated video that depicted him killing Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a sword, an extraordinary rebuke that highlighted the political strains testing Washington and the country.

Calling the video a clear threat to a lawmaker's life, Democrats argued Gosar's conduct would not be tolerated in any other workplace — and shouldn't be in Congress.

The vote to censure Gosar, and also strip him of his committee assignments, was approved by a vote of 223-207, almost entirely along party lines.

Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy called the vote an "abuse of power" by Democrats to distract from national problems. He said of the censure, a "new standard will continue to be applied in the future," a signal of potential ramifications for Democratic members in future Congresses.

But Democrats said there was nothing political about it.

"These actions demand a response. We cannot have members joking about murdering each other," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said.

Ocasio-Cortez said in an emotional speech, "Our work here matters. Our example matters. There is meaning in our service. And as leaders, in this country, when we incite violence with depictions against our colleagues that trickles down to violence in this country. And that is where

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## Warrant: Father of mauled baby responded with arson

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

Some seven hours after the family pit bull killed his newborn baby, an enraged Timothy Settles set fire to a New London house where he had argued over who was responsible for the tragedy, a newly released court document shows.

The heated, but brief, argument broke out only a few hours before the blaze, which injured no one. Settles was drinking outside the house and arguing about whose

fault it was the dog ripped his son from the arms of Settles' mother in Norwich the night before, fatally injuring his and his girlfriend's big-eyed, 1-month-old baby, Carter. Alcohol fueled his anger, investigators say.

"You can't blame my mother," Timothy Settles shouted during the argument with the mother of his baby and her friends, his mother told investigators. Sheila Settles had been waiting for her son in a nearby car and could

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## Windsor student the next Kid Governor



Running on a platform of preventing animal cruelty, 10-year-old Windsor fifth grader Makhi Ettienne-Modeste was elected Connecticut's Kid Governor on Wednesday. He is the first boy elected to serve as Kid Governor.

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hear the heated exchange, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

Timothy Settles, 33, of Merchant Street in Norwich, disappeared after the fire and couldn't be found for months, police say. He eventually surfaced and was arrested last week on charges of first-degree arson, first-degree reckless endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief. He was in custody at the Corrigan Correctional Center Wednesday on \$510,500 bail, prison records show.

The warrant gives the first explanation of how the house that burned in New London early on May 11 was connected to the deadly dog attack in Norwich the night before.

### Deadly mauling

According to police and the affidavit, Settles' girlfriend, Jerren MK Johnson, was with her baby and Settles' mother at Johnson's home on McKinley Avenue in Norwich the night of the May 10 tragedy. Sheila Settles had come up from New York City to visit; Timothy Settles was not there.

Johnson was in the kitchen cooking and Sheila Settles was holding her grandson when the family's dog, a pit bull mix, "attacked the baby and ripped him out



The house at 10 Rosemary St. in New London, where an arson fire burned on May 11. Timothy Settles, of Norwich, was arrested last week on charges of first-degree arson, first-degree reckless endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief. **WTNH-TV**

of her arms," the warrant says. Police said the dog, which has been euthanized, was not provoked; the family had the 8-year-old dog since it was a puppy.

The baby suffered traumatic injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said at the time.

After he learned of his newborn's death, Timothy Settles drove his mother in her car to the multi-family house on Rosemary Street in New London where Johnson's best friend, Tanzy Hazel, lived, the warrant says. He knew Johnson, his girlfriend, was with her.

Settles gave the mother of his baby a hug, and the three talked outside, it says. Sheila Settles told investigators

that she waited in the car with the window open, and a short time after their arrival she could hear an argument between her son and some of the people on the porch. It was about 1:30 a.m.

She couldn't hear the entire argument, but Sheila Settles told police "she did hear Timothy raise his voice and say, 'You can't blame my mother.' Her son then returned to the car and drove a short distance to a Holiday Inn which she later learned was in New London, the warrant says.

They sat in the car while she tried to make arrangements to have a relative send them money so they could get a room. She was having trouble getting the cellphone app to work, however, the warrant says.

In the meantime, she learned her son had grabbed several bottles of alcohol earlier when he went to the McKinley Street home where the attack had occurred, according to the police. "She stated that at this time she was becoming so frightened by her son's actions that she jumped into the driver's seat and drove off, heading back to her residence in New York City," according to the warrant.

Sheila stated that while they were in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn, Timothy was drinking, getting angry, then he started smashing bottles in the parking lot of the hotel," the warrant says.

### Concerned for their safety

She told police her son has become violent with her in the past when he was drunk, and she believed his drinking was making him "unable to act reasonably."

So she secretly called 911 to get help calming him down, the warrant says.

Before police arrived, Settles decided he was going to drive back to the Rosemary Street house because he couldn't get a hold of his girlfriend on the phone, it says.

"Sheila stated that she was concerned for their safety and tried to talk with Timothy, but he began talking about crashing the car and/or running people over," the warrant says.

When they arrived at the house in New London about 3:10 a.m., Timothy began pounding on the door, "but no one was answering and that seemed to anger him more," his mother told police. "She stated that at this time she was becoming so frightened by her son's actions that she jumped into the driver's seat and drove off, heading back to her residence in New York City," according to the warrant.

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Johnson and Hazel were not at the home. An upper-floor resident went down to see who was banging on the door and talked to Settles, who "appeared upset" and showed her a picture of his son Carter. He told the woman that his infant had died the day before, the warrant says.

The woman called Hazel while her cell was on speaker phone, and when she answered, Hazel said to tell Settles she was not there and to call the police if

he refuses to leave. The resident then told Settles he'd have to leave and she locked the building's interior door, leaving the exterior door to the porch and hallway outside Hazel's first-floor apartment unlocked.

### 'House was on fire'

The woman went back upstairs and watched TV for a while "when she realized the house was on fire," the warrant says. She called the fire department and was able to get her elderly mother out of the house. The building was not a total loss; the heaviest damage was in the front part of the house.

Surveillance video from a nearby business confirmed that Settles was at the scene of the Rosemary Street house around the time of the fire, the warrant says.

It wasn't clear Wednesday if Settles has a lawyer. He didn't meet the financial threshold for representation by a public defender at his arraignment, said Sean Kelly, supervisory assistant public defender at Superior Court in New London, so Kelly couldn't comment specifically on the case.

Generally speaking, "it was a tragic circumstance," Kelly said. "It's a bad scenario all around."

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### Boosters

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"You look at a place like Vermont — they're fairly well vaccinated and they have a high infection rate," Lamont said following an unrelated event in Windsor. "COVID is like a heat-seeking germ. It goes right at the unvaccinated, but there are a few breakthrough cases as well. That is generally folks who got vaccinated seven or eight months ago."

He added, "It ought to be a reminder that the vaccine works. It doesn't work forever, surely not for the older folks who are the most vulnerable who are the ones most likely to have gotten vaccinated early, say last January. Guys like me."

Lamont, 67, has often mentioned his age as being part of the vulnerable group of Americans over the age of 65.

While some states, including California and Colorado, have already

allowed booster shots to all adults more than six months after their second dose, Lamont's office said Monday they would stick with the current guidance from the CDC that allowed most, but not all, adults to be eligible.

"We are hopeful that boosters will soon be available for all adults regardless of medical conditions or work setting," Dr. Manisha Juthani, commissioner of the state Department of Public Health, said Monday.

"However, it's important that people in Connecticut know that most adults are already eligible for a booster. ... We encourage everyone to get a booster if they are eligible and to receive their flu shot as well."

Under the federal guidelines, the booster shots are available for recipients of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine more than six months after their second dose only if they fit certain categories, includ-

ing being 65 or older, having health conditions that leave them vulnerable to COVID-19, or living or working in high-risk settings. The boosters are also available for anyone aged 18 or older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

Based on statistics released Monday, 82% of Connecticut residents aged 12 and older were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, which the CDC says marks the highest of any state.

But only 18.7% of fully vaccinated adults in Connecticut have received booster shots. That total lags behind some other states in the region.

While federal officials have continued studying the issue, top officials in Colorado, California, and New York City have moved ahead to make booster shots available for all residents.

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Gov. Ned Lamont

### Lamont

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the initiative had become politically infeasible due to high gas prices.

"Look, I couldn't get that through when gas prices were at a historic low, so I think the legislature has been pretty clear that it's going to be a pretty tough rock to push when gas prices are so high," said the governor, who recently announced that he will seek reelection next year.

"It's probably not the year to do it this year with gas prices where they are."

Lamont's comments Tuesday were met with frustration and disappointment from climate activists, who viewed TCI as Connecticut's most immediate hope of reducing carbon emissions.

"It just shows how climate change is still used as this political pawn, as something that when it's politically expedient someone like the governor will push it but then when it's not it gets dropped," said

Sena Wazer, a UConn student who co-directs Sunrise Movement Connecticut. "That's really hard to see because for my generation, for people like me, that's our future that he's playing with."

Ian McDonald, a climate activist from Killingly, called Connecticut's relative lack of climate action "extraordinarily frustrating."

"Who is supposed to be the leader on this issue?" McDonald said. "With Connecticut legislators and maybe with the governor and [DEEP] Commissioner [Katie] Dykes, there seems to be a different mental timeline than the one that scientists are repeatedly talking about in terms of addressing the climate crisis. We don't get to deal with this on our own desired timelines."

Thomas Regan-Lefebvre, coordinator of the Transport Hartford Academy at the Center for Latino Progress and a proponent for TCI, said he was surprised by Lamont's announcement that he had cooled on the

initiative.

"We've been on a roller coaster with the governor and the legislative assembly on TCI," Regan-Lefebvre said. "It's very disappointing and shortsighted."

Regan-Lefebvre said he hears a lot of talk from Lamont and Democrats in the legislature about the climate crisis but has seen little action. Like many activists, Regan-Lefebvre argues the existential crisis posed by a changing climate should not be subject to the short-term goals of political leaders.

"We don't bargain climate," he said. "We don't bargain people's health and air pollution. ... Climate should not be part of a classic zero-sum game."

State Sen. Will Haskell, a Democrat from Westport, said he too is also disappointed that the climate debate has become politicized.

"I feel like a lot of environmentalists across the state do, which is disappointed," Haskell said. "But I also understand that the political realities are what

they are, and I don't think that our state can afford to spend too much time crying over spilled milk or wishing that things were somehow different."

During this year's legislative session, Republicans branded TCI as a new "gas tax." But Democrats, who control both chambers of the General Assembly, were also skittish about the initiative and failed to get the measure over the finish line before the legislative session adjourned in June.

Looney has long expressed concern about the impact higher gas prices would have on moderate- and low-income people. He proposed a tax credit for low-earners to offset the spike in costs related to TCI.

"That's certainly a way to make sure the burden does not disproportionately fall on those who are least able to pay: low-income people who are struggling to pay for gas and driving 10- and 12-year-old Toyotas and Honda Civics to get to their retail clerk jobs," Looney said. "We have to do this in

a way that is progressive as well as enlightening environmental policy."

Looney suggested other ways the state could address climate change, including directing state treasurer Shawn Wooden to divest from the fossil fuel industry.

Haskell, co-chairman of the legislature's transportation committee, said he is hopeful lawmakers will pass legislation that achieves the goals of TCI, such as reducing carbon emissions and building a greener transportation system.

"There's a desire on the part of certain advocacy groups to criticize the governor," Haskell said. "I would spend more time criticizing the folks who made this a political [issue.] The governor is only responding to the fact that we can't get it passed, so it's time to look forward."

Lamont on Wednesday defended his record on climate, saying his office "worked our heart out" in an attempt to pass TCI.

"Look, we had a hard time getting it through the

legislature," the governor said. "Nobody can say we didn't put our shoulder to the wheel. ... I know what it meant in terms of working with Massachusetts and Rhode Island, but the legislature just didn't have an appetite for it the last time around. And this time around is even tougher — given the price of gasoline."

"Let's take a breather and work on this together with our other governors and get it done in another session."

Charles Rothenberger, an attorney for the environmental group Save the Sound, said his initial reaction to Lamont's comments Tuesday was "disappointment and disbelief" but that he's not ready to give up on TCI yet. Rothenberger said he remains optimistic the legislature can get the measure to Lamont's desk.

"While disappointed at the topline text of this and how it has been interpreted, we're still committed on our end to the program and to working to see it's implemented soon," he said. "The urgency of this program has not diminished."

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we must draw the line."

Unrepentant, Gosar rejected what he called the "mischaracterization" that the cartoon was "dangerous or threatening. It was not."

"I do not espouse violence toward anyone. I never have. It was not my purpose to make anyone upset," Gosar said.

He compared himself to Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first Treasury secretary, celebrated in recent years in a Broadway musical, whose censure vote in the House was defeated: "If I must join Alexander Hamilton, the first person attempted to be censured by this House, so be it, it is done."

The decision to censure Gosar, one of the strongest punishments the House can dole out, was just the fourth in nearly 40 years — and just the latest example of the raw tensions that have roiled Congress since the 2020 election and the violent Capitol insurrection that followed.

The decision to move forward with the effort was born out of Democratic frustration with the House GOP, which declined to publicly rebuke Gosar, who has a lengthy history of incendiary remarks.

Instead, Republican leaders have largely ignored his actions and urged their members to vote against the resolution censuring him.

They also warned that the effort sets a precedent that could come back to haunt Democrats if they find themselves in the minority.

Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida said, "I would just suggest we have better things to do on the floor of the House of Representatives than be the hall monitors for Twitter."

The resolution will remove Gosar from two committees: Natural Resources and the Oversight and Reform panel, on which Ocasio-Cortez also serves, limiting his ability to shape legislation and deliver for constituents.

It states that depictions of violence can foment actual violence and jeopardize the safety of elected officials, citing the Jan. 6 attack on



Republican Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona was just the 24th member of the House to be censured. The 223-207 vote Wednesday was almost entirely along party lines **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

**"We have to hold Members accountable who incite or glorify violence, who spread and perpetuate dangerous conspiracies. The failure to do so will take us one step closer to this fantasized violence becoming real."**

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., in a tweet

the U.S. Capitol as an example.

Gosar becomes the 24th House member to be censured. Though it carries no practical effect, except to provide a historic footnote that marks a lawmaker's career, it is the strongest punishment the House can issue short of expulsion.

Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, was the last to receive the rebuke in 2010 for financial misconduct. It would also be second

time this year the House has initiated the removal of a GOP lawmaker from an assigned committee, the first being Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia.

Gosar, a six-term congressman, posted the video over a week ago with a note saying, "Any anime fans out there?" The roughly 90-second video was an altered version of a Japanese anime clip, interspersed with shots of Border Patrol officers and migrants at the southern U.S. border. During one roughly

10-second section, animated characters whose faces had been replaced with Gosar, Greene and Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-Colo., were shown fighting other animated characters. Gosar's character is seen striking another one made to look like Ocasio-Cortez in the neck with a sword. The video also shows him attacking President Joe Biden.

Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., whose receipt of repeated death threats has required her to spend thousands on security, said Gosar has not apologized to her.

She singled out McCarthy for not condemning Gosar.

"What is so hard about saying this is wrong?" Ocasio-Cortez said on the House floor Wednesday. "This is not about me. This is not about Representative Gosar. But this is about what we are willing to accept."

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., was one of the few Republicans saying he would vote to censure Gosar.

"We have to hold Members accountable who incite or glorify violence, who spread and perpetuate dangerous conspiracies. The failure to do so will take us one step closer to this fantasized violence becoming real," Kinzinger tweeted.

This is not the first brush with controversy for Gosar, who was first elected in 2010's tea party wave. He has been repeatedly criticized by his own siblings, six of whom appeared in campaign ads supporting his Democratic opponent in 2018.

Earlier this year Gosar looked to form an America First Caucus with other hard-line Republican House members that aimed to promote "Anglo-Saxon political traditions."

while warning that mass immigration was putting the "unique identity" of the U.S. at risk.

He's made appearances at fringe right-wing events, including a 2018 rally in London for a jailed British activist who repeatedly spread anti-Muslim views and a gathering in Florida last February hosted by Nick Fuentes, an internet personality who has promoted white supremacist beliefs.

He has also portrayed a woman shot by Capitol police during the attack on the Capitol as a martyr, claiming she was "executed." And he falsely suggested that a 2017 white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, was instigated by "the left" and backed by billionaire George Soros, a major funder of liberal causes who has become the focus of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.

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## Overdose deaths top 100K in a year

US figure reached record as pandemic rolled across nation

By Roni Caryn Rabin  
The New York Times

Americans died of drug overdoses in record numbers as the pandemic spread across the country, federal researchers reported Wednesday, the result of lost access to treatment, rising mental health problems and wider availability of dangerously potent street drugs.

In the 12-month period that ended in April, more than 100,000 Americans died of overdoses, up almost 30% from the 78,000 deaths in the prior year, according to provisional figures from the National Center for Health Statistics. The figure marks the first time the number of overdose deaths in the country has exceeded 100,000 a year, more than the toll of car crashes and gun fatalities combined. Overdose deaths have more than doubled since 2015.

Administration officials said Wednesday they will expand access to medications like naloxone, which can reverse an opioid overdose, by encouraging states to pass laws that will make it more widely available and promoting its use by Americans.

"I believe that no one should die of an overdose simply because they didn't have access to naloxone," said Dr. Rahul Gupta, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. "Sadly, today that is happening across the country, and access to naloxone often depends a great deal on where you live."

Although recent figures through September suggest the overdose death rate may have slowed, the grim tally signals a public health crisis whose magnitude was both obscured by the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerated by it, experts said.

"These are numbers we have never seen before," said Dr. Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute



A mourner attends a service in Baltimore for a man who died of an overdose. ANDREW MANGUM/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2020

on Drug Abuse.

The fatalities have lasting repercussions, since most of them occur among people ages 25 to 55, in the prime of life, she added.

"They leave behind friends, family and children, if they have children, so there are a lot of downstream consequences," Volkow said. "This is a major challenge to our society."

The rise in deaths — the vast majority caused by synthetic opioids — was fueled by widespread use of fentanyl, a fast-acting drug that is 100 times as powerful as morphine. Increasingly, fentanyl is added surreptitiously to other illegally manufactured drugs to enhance their potency.

Overdose deaths related to use of stimulants like methamphetamine, cocaine, and natural and

semisynthetic opioids, such as prescription pain medication, also increased during the 12-month period.

While some drug users seek out fentanyl, Volkow said, others "may not have wanted to take it. But that is what is being sold, and the risk of overdose is very high."

"Many people are dying without knowing what they are ingesting," she said.

People struggling with addiction and those in recovery are prone to relapse, Volkow said.

The initial pandemic lockdowns and subsequent fraying of social networks, along with the rise in mental health disorders like anxiety and depression, helped create the crisis.

So, too, did the postponement of treatment for substance abuse disorders,

as health care providers nationwide struggled to tend to huge numbers of coronavirus patients and postponed other services.

The vast majority of these deaths, about 70%, were among men ages 25 to 54. And while the opioid crisis has been characterized as one primarily impacting white Americans, a growing number of Black Americans have been affected as well.

There were regional variations in the death counts, with the largest year-over-year increases — exceeding 50% — in California, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, West Virginia and Kentucky. Vermont's toll was small but increased 85% during the reporting period.

Increases of about 40% or greater were seen in Washington state, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Minnesota, Alaska, Nebraska, Virginia and the Carolinas.

Deaths dropped in New Hampshire, New Jersey and South Dakota.

"If we had talked a year ago, I would have told you deaths are skyrocketing. But I would not have guessed it would get to this," said Dr. Andrew Kolodny, medical director of the Opioid Policy Research Collaborative at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

The vast stimulus bill passed last spring included \$1.5 billion for the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders, and \$30 million to fund local services for people struggling with addiction, including syringe exchange programs.

Federal funds can also be used now to buy rapid test strips to detect whether illicit drugs have been laced with fentanyl.

But critics say the federal response has been inadequate given the magnitude of the public health emergency. They have called for new funding to provide universal access to treatment, and for treatment centers in every county that offer same-day access.

For example, physicians still need federal permission to prescribe buprenorphine, a first-line treatment for opioid use disorder, which limits the number of providers.

"If you really want to see deaths come down, you have to make it much easier for someone who is addicted to opioids to access treatment, particularly with buprenorphine," Kolodny said. "It has to be easier to get treatment than to buy a bag of dope."

## 2 exonerated in murder of Malcolm X

By Ashley Southall and Jonah E. Bromwich  
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Two of the men found guilty in the assassination of Malcolm X are expected to have their convictions thrown out Thursday, the Manhattan district attorney and lawyers for the two men said, rewriting the official history of one of the most notorious murders of the civil rights era.

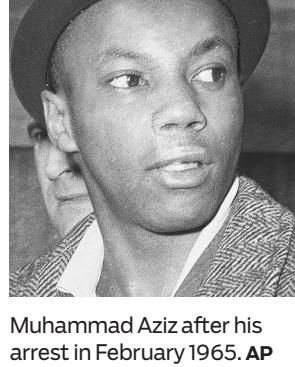
The exoneration of Muhammad Aziz and Khalil Islam represents a remarkable acknowledgment of grave errors made in a case of towering importance: the 1965 murder of one of America's most influential Black leaders in the fight against racism.

A 22-month investigation conducted by the Manhattan district attorney's office and attorneys for the two men found prosecutors and two of the nation's premier law enforcement agencies — the FBI and the New York City Police Department — had withheld key evidence that, had it been turned over, would likely have led to the men's acquittal.

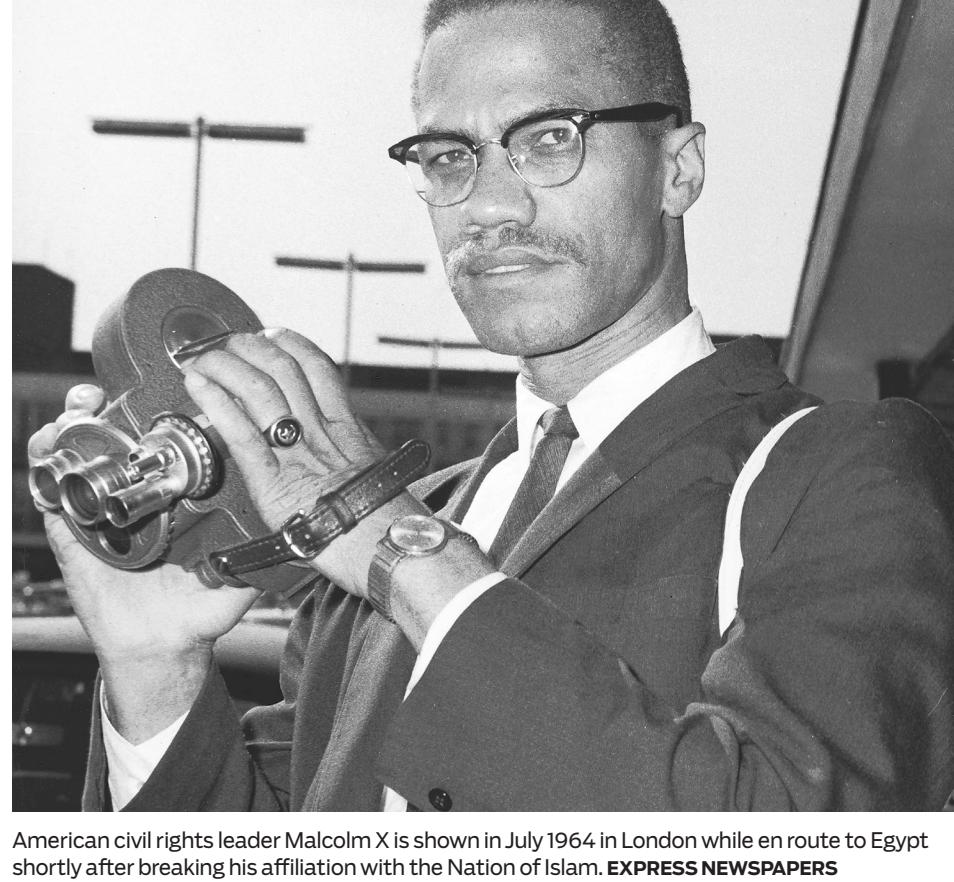
The two men, known at the time of the killing as Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, spent decades in prison for the murder, which took place Feb. 21, 1965, when three men opened fire inside the crowded Audubon Ball-



Khalil Islam at his booking in New York in March 1965. AP



Muhammad Aziz after his arrest in February 1965. AP



American civil rights leader Malcolm X is shown in July 1964 in London while en route to Egypt shortly after breaking his affiliation with the Nation of Islam. EXPRESS NEWSPAPERS

conducted with the Innocence Project and the office of David Shanes, a civil rights lawyer, contended with serious obstacles.

Many of those involved in the murder case, including witnesses, investigators and trial lawyers as well as other potential suspects, died long ago.

Key documents were lost to time and physical evidence, such as murder weapons, were no longer available to be tested.

Still, the evidence available was significant.

A trove of FBI documents included information that implicated other suspects and pointed away from Islam and Aziz.

Prosecutors' notes indicate they failed to disclose

the presence of undercover officers in the ballroom at the time of the shooting.

And Police Department files revealed that a reporter for The New York Daily News received a call the morning of the shooting indicating that Malcolm X would be murdered.

Investigators also interviewed a living witness, known only as J.M., who backed up Aziz's alibi, further suggesting that he had not participated in the shooting but had been, as he said at the trial, at home nursing his wounded legs.

Altogether, the reinvestigation found that had the new evidence been presented to a jury, it may well have led to acquittals.

And Aziz, 83, who was

released in 1985, and Islam, who was released in 1987 and died in 2009, would not have been compelled to spend decades fighting to clear their names.

One suspect, Mujahid Abdul Halim, was apprehended at the ballroom after being shot in the thigh.

Aziz, then known as Norman 3X Butler, was arrested five days later, and Islam, known as Thomas 15X Johnson, another five days after that. Within a week, the three men, all members of the Nation of Islam, had been charged with murder.

At the trial in 1966, prosecutors cast Islam, who was once Malcolm X's driver, as the assassin who fired the fatal shotgun blast.

Halim and Aziz were said to have followed close behind, firing their pistols. Ten witnesses said they had seen Islam, Aziz or both.

But the witness statements were contradictory, and no physical evidence tied Aziz or Islam to the murder, or even the crime scene.

Both men offered credible alibis, which were backed by testimony from their spouses and friends.

And when Halim, also known as Talmadge Hayer, took the stand for the second time during the trial and confessed, he insisted that his two co-defendants were innocent.

On March 11, 1966, all three defendants were found guilty and, a month later, sentenced to life in prison.

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## WORLD &amp; NATION

## From food fight to artillery strikes in Ukraine

Dispute over grocery shopping raised alarms in West, US

By Andrew E. Kramer  
The New York Times

HRANITNE, Ukraine — Artillery shells fired by Russian-backed separatists shrieked into this small town deep in the flatlands of eastern Ukraine, shearing branches from trees, scooping out craters, blowing up six houses and killing one Ukrainian soldier.

It was an all-too-common response to the smallest of provocations — a dispute over grocery shopping for 100 or so people living in the buffer zone between the separatists and Ukrainian government forces. But in the hair-trigger state of the Ukraine war, minor episodes can grow into full-fledged battles.

Hunkered down in a bunker, the Ukrainian commander, Maj. Oleksandr Sak, requested a counter-strike from a sophisticated new weapon in Ukraine's arsenal, a Turkish-made Bayraktar TB2 armed drone.

Deployed for the first time in combat by Ukraine and provided by a country that is a member of NATO, the drone hit a howitzer operated by the separatists. Things quickly escalated.

Across the border, Russia scrambled jets. The next day, Russian tanks mounted on rail cars rumbled toward the Ukrainian border. Diplomacy in Berlin, Moscow and Washington went into high gear.

The sudden spike in hostilities last month underscored the tenuous nature of the cease-fire that exists along the 279-mile front in the Ukraine war. It set off a new round of ominous warnings from Moscow and highlighted Russian President Vladimir Putin's willingness to escalate what is known as hybrid conflict, a blend of military and other



Olga Kotesova serves a customer Nov. 5 at her small shop in Hranitne, Ukraine. BRENDAN HOFFMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

means for creating disruption — including exploiting humanitarian crises.

The drone strike in Hranitne also raised fears in Western capitals that Russia would use the fighting as a pretext for a new intervention in Ukraine, potentially drawing the United States and Europe into a new phase of the conflict.

"Our concern is that Russia may make the serious mistake of attempting to rehash what it undertook back in 2014 when it amassed forces along the border, crossed into sovereign Ukrainian territory, and did so claiming falsely that it was provoked," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said last week.

The battle came at an increasingly volatile moment in the conflict. This fall, commercial satellite photos and videos posted on social media have shown that Russian armored vehicles had massed near the Ukrainian border; Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has estimated

the buildup at 100,000 troops. And Russian rhetoric toward Ukraine has hardened.

Amid this heightened tension, the drone strike in particular became a flashpoint for the Kremlin. Alarmed that Ukraine possessed this highly effective new military capability, Russia called the strike a destabilizing act that violated the cease-fire agreement reached in 2015.

Putin has made clear that he views Ukraine as inseparable from Russia. In July he published an article describing Russia and Ukraine as "essentially" one country divided by Western interference in the post-Soviet period, an apparent justification for Russian-Ukrainian unification. Russia has already annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula.

Hacking, electoral meddling, energy politics and a recent migrant crisis on the border of Belarus and Poland have all strained ties between the West and Russia. But nowhere are the

tensions more overt than in this conflict zone that cuts through villages and farmland, where opposing soldiers — one side backed by the United States, the other by Russia — face off.

Russia intervened militarily in Ukraine after street protesters deposed a pro-Russian Ukrainian president in 2014. Moscow sent soldiers wearing ski masks and unmarked uniforms to the Crimean Peninsula, whipping up the rebellion in the east in two separatist enclaves, the Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics.

The frontline in the war is sometimes called a new Berlin Wall, a dividing line in today's geopolitics. It is an eerie realm of half-abandoned towns, fields and forests.

It is also a tinderbox that requires only a match to spark new hostilities. In late October, the buffer zone near Hranitne provided one.

In most places along the front, a scant few hundred yards separate two trench lines. But in some areas,

including Hranitne, the gap widens to a few miles, and people live in between the two armies, in a no man's land known in Ukraine as the "gray zone." Residents must cross the Ukrainian trench line to shop and send their children to school, protected by an uneasy truce. Residents are aware of the danger, but are too poor to move.

"It's scary," said Oleksandr Petukhov, a retiree as he cleared the last checkpoint one recent day carrying a bag of cheese and eggs. "This is a ridiculous situation."

In Hranitne, the access point for shopping on the Ukrainian side is a footbridge over the Kalmius River. Ukrainian soldiers peek out from above sandbag parapets as shoppers trickle across the bridge.

The troubles began about a month ago when separatists closed a checkpoint on their side — where local residents also traveled for shopping — for unclear reasons.

On Oct. 25, Volodymyr Vesyolkin, the administrator

of Hranitne, a position akin to mayor, led a contingent of about a dozen soldiers across the footbridge. The same day, the military laid concrete blocks for a new bridge about 700 yards away that would be accessible for vehicles.

His motive, Vesyolkin said, was humanitarian: to assure locals of access for shopping and deliveries of coal for winter heating.

"How can it violate anything?" Vesyolkin said. "This is our village. These are our people."

The separatists interpreted it otherwise — as a land grab — and soon their artillery shells filled the air.

In total, the separatists fired about 120 rounds at the unfinished new bridge, but every shot missed. They hit nearby houses instead, destroying one with such force that it appeared turned inside out, with a pile of cinder blocks covering the street.

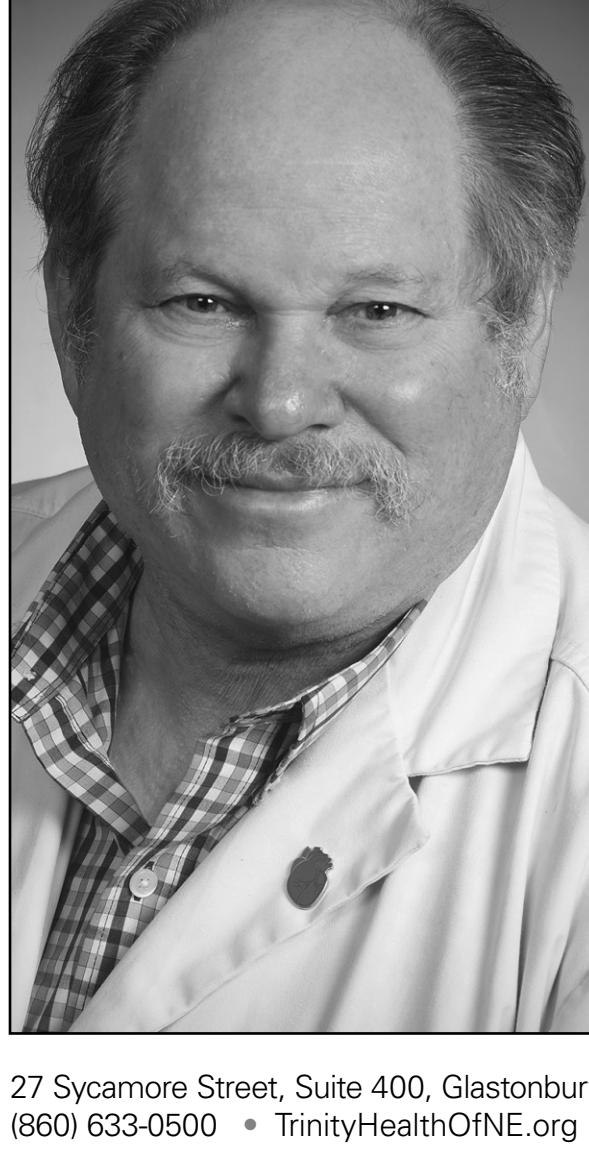
Sak said he requested the drone strike because it was the only weapon that could hit the maneuvering enemy artillery and because civilians were in danger, though none were hit.

"Only modern weapons allow us to halt Russia's aggression," he said.

Most military analysts say flare-ups in Ukraine are more a pretext for strategic saber rattling than a cause. But they are sparks in an already dangerous world, and the West remains on high alert as Russia takes an increasingly bellicose stance toward Ukraine.

When the fighting in Hranitne subsided, the villagers emerged with at least one small victory: They finally got their groceries.

Two days after the drone strike, separatists opened their checkpoint, allowing the Red Cross to deliver 50-pound boxes of food to each house. The boxes held rice, sugar, sunflower oil, macaroni, flour and cans of meat and fish.



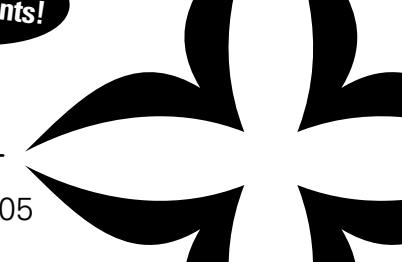
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# Jefferson statue in NYC about to go

Debate in rethinking artwork and public monuments remains

By Jeffery C. Mays and Zachary Small

The New York Times

NEW YORK — A 19th-century statue of Thomas Jefferson, which had spent more than 100 years perched above the New York City Council chamber, was marked for removal last month by city officials.

The decision, which came after a unanimous vote, was decades in the making.

Many Council members, especially from the Council's Black, Latino and Asian Caucus, had pushed for the statue's eviction; opponents argued that removing it would be an overreaction to Jefferson's complex history as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, but also as a man who enslaved more than 600 people and fathered several children with one of them, Sally Hemings.

Left unresolved was when the 7-foot statue would be moved, and where it would go.

On Monday, those answers became clear. The statue will be given to the New-York Historical Society, and will be placed in its lobby gallery for six months before being relocated to the museum's reading room for the duration of the 10-year loan agreement. Both locations are accessible to the public in areas not requiring a ticket.

Louise Mirrer, the historical society's president and chief executive, said the statue would be displayed starting in April and would coincide with an exhibition looking at the "principal contradiction of our founding ideals."

"From the start, we have seen the opportunity to display the statue as consistent with the ways in which



A statue of Thomas Jefferson in New York's City Council Chamber. For years, many council members have called for the removal of the statue from the room where they conduct business because the former president was a slaveholder. **TED SHAFFREY/AP**

we look at history at our institution," Mirrer said. "Jefferson just has to be one of those figures that really draws attention to the distance between our founding ideals and the reality of our nation."

The decision was finalized Monday by the Public Design Commission, which oversees art at city-owned property. The commission had planned to authorize moving the statue to the historical society last month but delayed amid concerns that it would not be freely accessible if it were placed there.

Members of the public also raised strong opposition to the proposal during a virtual public hearing. The sculpture was created by celebrated French artist Pierre-Jean David d'Angers. It is a plaster model of the bronze statue of Jefferson that is on display in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington.

The statue was commis-

sioned in 1833 by Uriah P. Levy, the first Jewish commodore in the U.S. Navy, to commemorate Jefferson's advocacy of religious freedom in the armed forces.

The painted plaster version was later donated to New Yorkers and arrived at City Hall around 1834. Levy charged admission to view the sculpture and donated the money to the poor.

The historical society already has a sword that belonged to Levy in its collection.

Michele Bogart, a professor emeritus of art history and visual culture at Stony Brook University in New York, said the statue's removal only "deflects attention" from the "bad men" who are sometimes memorialized in public art.

Bogart was one of 17 historians who signed a letter last month that suggested relocating the statue to the Governor's Room in City Hall, a reception room where it was

housed for most of the 19th century.

"I have a philosophical problem with removing it from City Hall," said Bogart, who served on the design commission under Mayor Rudy Giuliani. "If you can remove the Thomas Jefferson statue, then you can remove works from other city buildings."

The Governor's Room option was rejected for several reasons, according to Keri Butler, executive director of the design commission: The city lacked the ability to properly contextualize the statue in that space; City Hall is not typically open to the public on the weekends or evenings; and the Governor's Room is only open to the public during scheduled tours.

The controversy highlighted the contentious debate over how much to weigh America's history of racialized oppression in reevaluating artwork and

public monuments.

"It should be destroyed," said Assemblyman Charles Barron, a former councilman who first tried to get the statue removed from City Hall in 2001. "A statue should be for those who we honor for their exemplary service and duty to all of this country, not just the white race."

Jefferson and his legacy as a slave holder are facing a national reckoning. Several other Jefferson statues have been removed or destroyed in the last year, including ones in Oregon and Georgia.

Todd Fine, a local preservation activist, described the commission's decision as "hypocritical," after officials expressed reservations about placing the public artwork inside a private room.

"I have a feeling this will be the future of a lot of public artworks and monuments," Fine said. "They will just be given away to private

entities."

New York City has often struggled to deal with public monuments devoted to divisive historical figures. Mayor Bill de Blasio pledged to remove "symbols of hate" on city property after a 2017 protest by white nationalists in Charlottesville, Virginia, over plans to remove a Robert E. Lee statue turned into a deadly riot.

Facing intense criticism over his comments, de Blasio retreated and appointed a commission to decide how to address statues such as one of Christopher Columbus at Columbus Circle; one of Theodore Roosevelt at the entrance of the American Museum of Natural History; and one of Dr. J. Marion Sims, who is considered a founder of modern gynecology but who operated on enslaved Black women without their consent, at Central Park at Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street.

Only the statue of Sims has been removed. Vinnie Bagwell, a Black sculptor, was chosen to create a new statue called "Victory Beyond Sims," a bronze angel holding a flame. The Public Design Commission has approved a long-term loan of the Roosevelt statue to an undetermined cultural institution, but it remains in place.

For Council members who say working under the gaze of Jefferson is uncomfortable and even emotionally painful, the statue's removal can't come soon enough.

The Black, Latino and Asian Caucus has joined with the Progressive Caucus to demand that the statue be removed before the Council holds its next meeting in the chamber on Tuesday.

"If they want to treat this relic as some type of work of art, so be it," said I. Daneek Miller, a councilman from Queens and co-chair of the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus. "The removal needs to be expedited."



President Joe Biden prepares to test drive a GMC Hummer EV during a tour Wednesday of the GM factory in Detroit, where the vehicles are built. **MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AP**

## Future of EVs, chargers helps power Biden's Mich. message

By Aamer Madhani and Tom Krisher

Associated Press

DETROIT — President Joe Biden punched the accelerator on a battery-powered Hummer on Wednesday, causing the wheels to squeal and the truck to jet forward as he tried to drive the country toward an electric vehicle future.

The engine was quiet as the president pulled up to a waiting delegation of reporters and officials.

"Anyone wanna jump in the back?" Biden asked.

The president had just toured a General Motors plant in Detroit to showcase how his newly signed \$1 trillion infrastructure law could transform the auto industry.

He is highlighting billions of dollars in his giant bipartisan infrastructure deal to pay for the installation of electric vehicle chargers across the country, an investment he says will go a long way to curbing planet-warming carbon emissions while creating good-paying jobs. It's also an attempt to leapfrog China in the plug-in EV

market. Currently, the U.S. market share of plug-in electric vehicle sales is one-third the size of the Chinese EV market.

As Biden toured the plant, he noted that the U.S. was not yet leading with electric vehicles, something he believes his infrastructure package and additional investments in clean energy can change.

The Hummer he drove has a starting price of \$108,700, as the electric market seems designed so far to serve luxury buyers instead of a mass audience.

"China got way ahead of us," the president said.

Republicans, even some of those who voted in favor of the infrastructure package, are criticizing Biden for being preoccupied with electric vehicle technology at a time when Americans are contending with a spike in gasoline and natural gas prices.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell took the Senate floor Tuesday to make the case that "the Biden administration doesn't have any strategic plan to snap its fingers and turn our massive country into some green utopia overnight."

"They just want to throw boatloads of government money at things like solar panels and electric vehicles and hope it all works out," said McConnell, one of 19 GOP senators who voted in favor of the infrastructure bill.

He added, "American families are staring down the barrel of skyrocketing heating bills, and the Democrats' response is to go to war against affordable American energy."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki has stressed that the administration is looking at "every tool in our arsenal" to combat high gasoline prices, saying that Biden and his economic team are "quite focused" on the issue.

The GM plant Biden visited was slated to be closed in 2018 as the automaker tried to shed excess factory capacity to build sedans as buyers shifted toward SUVs and trucks.

But the 4.1 million-square-foot plant, which built cars with internal combustion engines since it opened in 1985, was rescued a year later and designated Factory Zero to build zero-emissions electric vehicles.

## Man who shot Arbery testifies: 'He had my gun. He struck me'

By Russ Bynum

Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — The man who fatally shot Ahmaud Arbery testified Wednesday that Arbery attacked him and grabbed his shotgun after he and his father pursued the 25-year-old Black man in their Georgia neighborhood.

Travis McMichael's testimony came as defense attorneys in the murder trial for the three white men accused of killing Arbery opened their case by building on arguments that their clients were lawfully trying to stop burglaries in their neighborhood.

Asked by his attorney why he shot Arbery, McMichael responded: "He had my gun. He struck me. It was obvious that he was attacking me, that if he would have gotten the shotgun from me, then this was a life or death situation, and I'm going to have to stop him from doing this so I shot."

McMichael said he followed Arbery on Feb. 23, 2020, after his father came into their home in "almost a frantic state" and told him to "get your gun."

He said he believed Arbery was the same man he'd seen "creeping" outside a nearby unfinished house and that he might have broken in there.

He and his father, Greg McMichael, got into Travis McMichael's truck and tracked down Arbery, asking him to stop and saying the police were coming. A neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, also joined the pursuit.

Eventually, McMichael stopped his truck and got out. That was when he said Arbery came running toward him and grabbed his gun. Defense attorney Jason Sheffield asked Travis what he's thinking at that moment.

"I was thinking of my son," he said, choking up a bit. "It sounds weird, but

that's the first thing that hit me."

"What did you do?" Sheffield asked.

"I shot," McMichael said.

Bryan told police that he tried to run Arbery off the road and then recorded cellphone video as McMichael fired three shotgun blasts before Arbery fell face down in the street.

Bryan's attorney, Kevin Gough, argued Wednesday that Bryan never intended to harm Arbery and never tried to hide his involvement in the pursuit. He noted that Bryan openly shared his cellphone video — the key piece of evidence in the case — with police officers at the scene.

The defense began its case after Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley denied a request from defense attorneys to ban prominent civil rights leaders and other high-profile visitors from the courtroom.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson sat with Arbery's parents in the back row of the courtroom Wednesday for the second time this week.

Attorneys for the defendants have said Jackson's presence and that of others who have spoken out in support of convictions in the case could unfairly influence the jury.

"They don't want a trial," he said. "They want a mistrial."

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"They represent part of

a national conversation" on racial injustice that has advocated for "conviction of the defendants," said Jason Sheffield, an attorney McMichael.

"And for that reason I do not think they should be present in the courtroom."

In an interview outside the courthouse, Jackson said that by bringing up the issue of his attendance and that of other Black pastors who have supported the Arberys, the defense attorneys are "looking for a diversion."

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## WORLD &amp; NATION

## Jan. 6 rioter who carried spear, wore horns given 41-month sentence

By Jacques Billeaud

Associated Press

Jacob Chansley, the spear-carrying Jan. 6 rioter whose horned fur hat, bare chest and face paint made him one of the more recognizable figures in the assault on the Capitol, was sentenced Wednesday to 41 months in prison.

Chansley, who pleaded guilty to a felony charge of obstructing an official proceeding, was among the first rioters to enter the

building.

He has acknowledged using a bullhorn to rile up the mob, offering thanks in a prayer while in the Senate for having the chance to get rid of traitors and scratching out a threatening note to Vice President Mike Pence saying, "It's Only A Matter of Time. Justice Is Coming!"

Though he isn't accused of violence, prosecutors say Chansley, of Arizona, was the "public face of the Capitol riot" who went into the attack with a weapon,

ignored repeated police orders to leave the building and gloated about his actions in the days immediately after the attack.

Before he was sentenced, Chansley told U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth it was wrong for him to enter the Capitol and that he accepts responsibility for his actions.

He emphasized he wasn't an insurrection-



ist and is troubled with the way he was portrayed in news stories in the aftermath of the riot.

"I have no excuse," Chansley said. "No excuses whatsoever. My behavior is indefensible."

The judge said Chansley's remorse appeared to be genuine but noted the seriousness of his actions in the Capitol.

"What you did was terrible," Lamberth said. "You

made yourself the center of the riot."

Chansley is among 650 people charged in the riot that forced lawmakers into hiding as they were meeting to certify President Joe Biden's Electoral College victory. More than 120 defendants have pleaded guilty, mostly to misdemeanor charges of demonstrating in the Capitol that carry a maximum of six months in prison.

Chansley and Scott Fairlamb, a New Jersey gym

owner sentenced last week for punching a police officer during the attack, have received the longest prison sentences out of the 38 Capitol riot defendants who have been punished so far.

Chansley, who has been in jail for 10 months, sought to be sentenced to time served.

After spending his first month in jail, Chansley said he reevaluated his life, felt regret for having stormed the Capitol building and apologized for causing fear in others.

## NEWS BRIEFING

## Belarus brings some migrants in from the cold at Polish border

From news services

Hundreds of migrants who were camped in the cold on the Poland-Belarus border have been moved to a nearby warehouse in Belarusian territory, reports said Wednesday, with some still harboring hopes of entering the European Union.

The move came a day after a melee broke out in the border crisis, with migrants throwing stones at Polish forces massed on their side of the razor-wire fence, injuring 12, and they responded with water cannons and tear gas.

Warsaw accused Belarusian forces of instigating the conflict, while the government in Minsk denounced Poland's "violent actions."

The migrants, mostly from the Middle East, have been stuck at the border since Nov. 8. Most are fleeing conflict or despair at home.

The West has accused Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko of using the migrants as pawns to destabilize the 27-nation bloc in retaliation for its sanctions on his authoritarian regime. Belarus denies orchestrating the crisis, which has seen migrants entering the country since summer and then trying to cross into Poland, Lithuania and Latvia.

On Wednesday, Poland's Border Guard tweeted a video showing migrants with bags and backpacks being directed by Belarus forces away from the camp near the Kuznica border crossing, and Polish Deputy Interior Minister Maciej Wasil said he had received information they were leaving on buses.

The Belarus state news agency Belta reported they were moved to a heated, warehouse-like building about 500 yards from the border near Bruzgi, giving them the chance to rest indoors after many days in

tents.

Belta reported about 1,000 migrants agreed Tuesday to move into the building to "wait for the situation to resolve," and it quoted some of them as saying that they are not planning to return to their home countries. Most of the building's space was allocated for the migrants, who were offered food, water, medical aid, mattresses and pillows, the news agency said.

The next steps in the crisis are unclear. Although arrangements have been made for flights from Minsk to Iraq to repatriate those who want to return, it is uncertain how many will go. Iraq has appealed for its citizens to fly home, telling them the way into the EU is closed. The first flight from Minsk for the voluntary repatriation to Iraq is expected Thursday.

**Coronavirus vaccines:** The White House, under pressure to increase the supply of coronavirus vaccines to poor nations, plans to invest billions of dollars to expand U.S. manufacturing capacity, with the goal of producing at least 1 billion doses a year beginning in the second half of 2022, two top advisers to President Joe Biden said.

The investment is the first step in a new plan, announced Wednesday, for the government to partner with industry to address immediate vaccine needs overseas and domestically and to prepare for future pandemics, said Dr. David Kessler, who oversees vaccine distribution for the administration, and Jeff Zients, Biden's coronavirus response coordinator.

The move comes as the Biden administration also plans to buy enough of Pfizer's new COVID-19 pill for about 10 million courses of treatment to be delivered in the next 10 months, paying



Parents wearing face masks pray Wednesday during a special service to wish for their children's success on the eve of the college entrance exams at the Jogyesa Buddhist temple in Seoul, South Korea. About 500,000 high school seniors and graduates across the country are expected to take the College Scholastic Ability Test. **AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP**

over \$5 billion, according to people familiar with the agreement.

The government has also pledged \$3 billion for rapid over-the-counter tests.

**Juvenile parole:** Louisiana officials granted parole on Wednesday to Henry Montgomery, whose Supreme Court case was instrumental in extending the possibility of freedom to hundreds of people sentenced to life in prison without the opportunity for parole when they were juveniles.

Montgomery, 75, was released from prison shortly after the decision.

He had been convicted in the 1963 killing of East Baton Rouge sheriff's deputy Charles Hurt, who caught him skipping school. Montgomery was 17 at the time.

He was initially sentenced to death but the state's Supreme Court threw out his conviction in 1966, saying he didn't get a fair trial. The case was retried, Montgomery convicted again but this time sentenced to life in

prison without the possibility of parole.

A three-member board voted unanimously in favor of parole.

**Cybersecurity:** Hackers linked to the Iranian government have been targeting a "broad range of victims" inside the United States, including by deploying ransomware, according to an advisory issued Wednesday by American, British and Australian officials.

The advisory says that in recent months, Iran has exploited computer vulnerabilities exposed by hackers before they can be fixed and targeted entities in the transportation, health care and public health sectors.

The attackers leveraged the initial hack for additional operations, such as data exfiltration, ransomware and extortion, according to the advisory.

The group has used the same Microsoft Exchange vulnerability in Australia, officials say.

The warning is nota-

ble because even though ransomware attacks remain prevalent in the U.S., most of the significant ones in the past year have been attributed to Russia-based criminal hacker gangs rather than Iranian hackers.

**Military hunger:** The Pentagon will increase housing payments for troops in key areas and look for ways to combat hunger across the force, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin announced Wednesday, in the department's latest effort to address food insecurity among service members.

Austin told reporters that troops have enough to worry about and that "basic necessities like food and housing shouldn't be among them."

According to an estimate by Feeding America, as many as 160,000 active-duty military members are having trouble feeding their families.

The group, which coordinates the work of more than 200 food banks around the country, estimates that 29%

of troops in the most junior enlisted ranks faced food insecurity during the previous year.

**Rapper slain:** Rapper Young Dolph was shot and killed Wednesday at a cookie shop in his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, and a search is underway for the shooter, authorities said.

Police tweeted that they had no information to release about a possible suspect in the shooting, which took place at Makeada's Cookies near Memphis International Airport.

"The tragic shooting death of rap artist Young Dolph serves as another reminder of the pain that violent crime brings with it," Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said in a statement.

The Daily Memphian newspaper reported that Young Dolph's cousin, Mareno Myers, said the rapper had been in town since Monday visiting an aunt who has cancer and was also giving out Thanksgiving turkeys.



## Saint Francis Hospital and Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group Welcome Chasen Greig, M.D.

### Acute Care Surgery

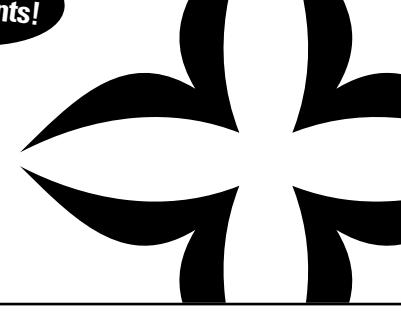
Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group welcomes **Dr. Chasen Greig** as an Acute Care Surgeon for the Department of Surgery at Saint Francis Hospital.

Dr. Greig, who earned his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine, completed a residency at UMass Medical School – Baystate and a fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at UC Irvine Medical Center. Dr. Greig will be seeing patients at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford.

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# BUSINESS

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## Firms bid on 307 tracts of oil, gas leases in Gulf

Auction deepens US fossil fuel challenges on heels of climate talks in Scotland

By Matthew Brown  
and Janet McConaughay  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. Interior Department auctioned hundreds of oil and gas leases from federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday in the first such sale under President Joe Biden, a harbinger of the challenges he faces to reach climate goals that depend on deep cuts in fossil fuel emissions.

Companies including Shell, BP, Chevron and ExxonMobil offered bids on 307 tracts totaling nearly 2,700 square miles. That's the largest total for a single auction since Gulf-wide bidding resumed in 2017.

It will take years to develop the leases before companies start pumping crude. That means they could keep producing long past 2030, when scientists say the world needs to be well on the way to cutting greenhouse gas emissions to avoid catastrophic climate change.

The auction came after attorneys general from Republican states successfully sued in

federal court to lift a suspension on federal oil and gas sales that Biden imposed when he took office.

Biden campaigned on promises to curb fossil fuels from public lands and waters, which including coal account for about a quarter of U.S. carbon emissions, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Yet even as he's tried to cajole other world leaders into strengthening international efforts against global warming, including at this month's climate talks in Scotland, Wednesday's sales illustrate Biden's difficulties gaining ground on climate issues at home.

The administration last week proposed another round of oil and gas lease sales in 2022, in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and other western states. Interior Department officials proceeded despite concluding that burning the fuels could lead to billions of dollars in potential future climate damages.

The live-streamed auction invited energy companies to bid on drilling leases across some 136,000 square miles — about twice the area of Florida. Federal officials estimated prior to the sale that it could lead to

the production of up to 1.1 billion barrels of oil and 4.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Environmental reviews of the sale — conducted under former President Donald Trump and affirmed under Biden — reached an unlikely conclusion: Extracting and burning the fuel would result in fewer greenhouse gases than leaving it.

Similar claims in two other cases, in Alaska, were rejected by federal courts after challenges from environmentalists.

Climate scientist Peter Erickson said the Interior Department's analysis had a glaring omission: It excluded greenhouse gas increases in foreign countries that result from having more Gulf oil enter the market.

"The math is extremely simple on this kind of stuff," said Erickson, a senior scientist with the Stockholm Environment Institute. "If new leases expand the global oil supply, that has a proportional effect on emissions from burning oil. Therefore, giving out these leases in the Gulf of Mexico would be increasing global emissions."

The Gulf accounts for about 15% of total U.S. crude output and 5% of its natural gas.

## Biden asks FTC to look into higher gas prices

By Jim Tankersley  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden asked the Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday to consider whether "illegal conduct" by large oil and gas companies is pushing up gasoline prices for U.S. consumers, the latest effort by the administration to target concentration in the energy industry in a bid to bring down prices at the pump.

The move is unlikely to spur immediate action by the FTC, which has the power to break up large industry players, and it is unlikely to affect gasoline prices any time soon. But it could spur the commission to open an investigation to gather data on how companies set gasoline prices, which could be used in future enforcement actions.

Biden's letter to Lina Khan, the anti-trust champion he appointed as chair of the commission, claims "mounting evidence of anti-consumer behavior by oil and gas companies."

Biden noted that prices at the pump have risen even as the costs of refined fuel have fallen and industry profits have gone up. The two largest players in the industry, ExxonMobil and Chevron, have doubled their net income since 2019, he wrote, while announcing billions of dollars in plans to issue dividends and buy back stock.

The average gallon of gas was nearly \$3.40 in the country Monday, according to the Energy Information Agency, its highest price in seven years.

If the gap between refined fuel costs and gasoline prices at the pump were to return to normal pre-pandemic levels, drivers would be paying as much as 25 cents less per gallon, White House officials estimate.

"The FTC is concerned about this issue, and we are looking into it," said Lindsay Kryzak, a spokeswoman for the commission.



Health care workers collect used adult diapers on Oct. 7 at the Daisen Rehabilitation Hospital in Houki, Japan. With adult-diaper use increasing in rapidly aging Japan, Houki has found a way to deal with the waste. JAMES WHITLOW DELANO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## A new source of fuel in Japan

As use of adult diapers grows, one town's recycling efforts don't let waste go to waste

By Motoko Rich and Makiko Inoue  
The New York Times

HOUKI, Japan — The restorative waters that flow into the public baths in this town near the coast of western Japan originate from hot springs more than two-thirds of a mile below ground. At the surface, before the water bubbles out of the spouts, it is further heated to 107 degrees — an ideal temperature for cleansing and soaking weary muscles.

But unbeknown to most bathers, the boiler heating the water runs on a fuel with the uncleanliest of origins: pellets recycled from soiled adult diapers.

In rapidly aging Japan, more diapers are used by older, incontinent people than by babies. As the country groans under the weight of ever-rising mountains of this waste, the town of Houki has become a pioneer in trying to reduce it. By recycling the diapers, which represent about one-tenth of the town's trash, it has diverted garbage that would otherwise be

dumped in incinerators and add emissions to the atmosphere.

With many other nations facing a similar demographic implosion, adult diaper waste is a stealthy challenge that looms alongside labor shortages in nursing homes and insufficiently funded pension systems.

"It is a difficult and big problem," said Kosuke Kawai, a senior researcher at the National Institute for Environmental Studies. "Japan and other developed countries will face similar problems in the future."

In Houki, a town of just over 10,500 people, officials were worried about the fast-growing diaper waste and looking at the costs to upgrade an outdated incinerator. They decided to convert one of the town's two incinerators into the diaper recycling plant and produce fuel that would help reduce natural gas heating costs at the public bathhouse as well.

At the baths, there is nothing advertising the provenance of the boiler fuel. Satomi Shirahase, 45, who was visiting with her husband from Kyoto, was unperturbed when she learned of the source of the heat.

"I am not creeped out. It was good water," she said in the dressing room after hiking on nearby Mount Daisen.

The diaper challenge is especially great

in Japan, where more than 80% of the country's waste goes to incinerators — higher than in any other wealthy nation — despite a near obsession with sorting trash.

The amount of adult diapers entering the waste stream in Japan has increased by nearly 13%, to almost 1.5 million tons annually, in the past five years, according to data from the environment ministry. It is projected to grow a further 23% by 2030, when those 65 and older will represent close to one-third of the population.

Because diapers contain so much cotton pulp and plastic, and swell to four times their original weight after soiling, they require much more fuel to burn than other sources of waste. That leads to costly waste management bills for local municipalities and high volumes of damaging carbon emissions.

Acknowledging the growing problem, Japan's Environment Ministry convened a working group last year to discuss alternatives to incineration for diapers. A handful of other municipalities are following Houki and turning the diapers into fuel pellets, while some are experimenting with converting them into material that can be mixed with cement for construction or road paving.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## US, China set to ease media limits

BEIJING — China and the U.S. have agreed to ease restrictions on each other's journalists amid a slight relaxation of tensions between the sides.

The official China Daily newspaper Wednesday said the agreement was reached ahead of Tuesday's virtual summit between Chinese leader Xi Jinping and President Joe Biden.

Under the deal, the U.S. will issue one-year multiple-entry visas to Chinese journalists and will immediately initiate a process to address "duration of status" issues, China Daily said. China will grant equal treatment to U.S. journalists once the U.S. policies take effect, and both sides will issue media visas for new applicants "based on relevant laws and regulations," the report said.

## Amazon to reject UK's Visa cards

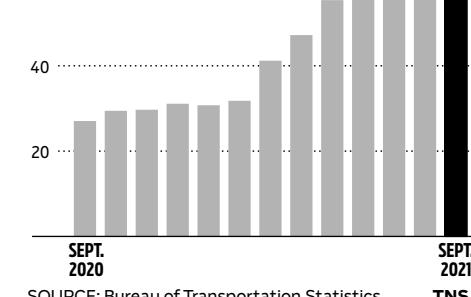
LONDON — Amazon says it will stop accepting Visa credit cards issued in the United Kingdom because of a dispute over fees.

The e-commerce giant said in a message Wednesday to customers that they won't be able to use the payment company's U.K. credit cards starting Jan. 19, blaming "the high fees Visa charges for processing credit card transactions."

Shoppers will still be able to use Visa debit cards and other credit cards including Mastercard and American Express, Amazon said. The notice suggests Visa credit cards issued in other countries will still be accepted. Visa said it was "very disappointed that Amazon is threatening to restrict consumer choice in the future."

### Airline traffic

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions



## Striking Deere workers vote on 3rd contract

Associated Press

MOLINE, Ill. — More than 10,000 striking Deere & Co. workers voted Wednesday on a new contract offer from the tractor maker, but the third deal is strikingly similar to a contract that 55% of workers rejected two weeks ago.

The latest proposed contract maintains the 10% immediate raises that the last deal offered, and it makes what the United Auto Workers union called modest changes to the details of Deere's internal incentive pay program for workers.

After the last vote Nov. 2, Deere officials told the union not to expect the company to offer any more money, and Deere largely stuck to that promise in this latest offer.

In addition to the initial raises, this week's offer keeps the 5% raises that were in the third and fifth years of the six-year deal and 3% lump sum payments in the second, fourth and sixth years of the deal. The offer would also provide an \$8,500 ratification bonus, preserve a pension option for new employees, make workers eligible for health insurance sooner and maintain their no-premium health insurance coverage.

The contract covers 12 plants in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas where the company's iconic green John Deere agricultural and construction equipment is made.

What Moline, Illinois-based Deere did in this latest offer, which it is calling its final one, was tweak the formula it uses to

determine which workers receive bonuses based on whether their team hits certain productivity goals. The changes in the formula could make it easier for workers to qualify for the incentive pay, but there are some Deere workers who aren't eligible for the bonuses based on the job they do in the company's factories and warehouses.

The workers who went on strike Oct. 14 have been holding out for more from Deere, which has predicted it will report record annual profits of \$5.7 billion to \$5.9 billion when it releases its earnings report later this month. Initially, more than 90% of the workers rejected Deere's initial offer, but the second vote was much closer after the company essentially doubled the raises it was offering.

## BUSINESS

## Electric supplier forced out of state over violations

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

Connecticut regulators, cracking down against another electric supplier, announced Wednesday that it has fined a Dallas company \$500,000 over allegations of improper billing practices and said the supplier lacked the "managerial capability" to serve Connecticut customers.

As part of the settlement with the state, Clearview Electric Inc. withdrew from the Connecticut market-

place for six years.

It's the latest action against a third-party electric supplier that has drawn consumer complaints. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority has documented chronic troubles with the third-party electric suppliers and run-ins with customers.

Regulators said they have received complaints that Clearview charged a rate different from what was stated in the contract. Clearview blamed a "processing error," PURA said. Other

complaints said Clearview tried charging early termination fees, assessing incorrect re-enrollment rates and additional problems.

Regulators also said they have "reason to believe Clearview currently lacks the managerial capability to serve Connecticut customers." Clearview corrected complaints filed by customers but was unaware of problems until it received complained complaints or was ordered to investigate, the agency said.

PURA also said Clearview

customers failed to have their enrollment and renewals processed or be notified of the processing failures.

A Clearview representative declined to comment.

PURA's Office of Education, Outreach and Enforcement has enforced settlement payments of more than \$1.7 million and about \$52,000 in restitution credits to customers since July 2020, the agency said.

In July, the office led negotiations for a settlement agreement between the state and Mega Energy

of New England LLC to resolve claims the company's marketing included unfair or deceptive marketing practices. Mega paid a \$250,000 fine and at least \$47,000 in customer restitution credits.

It also resolved allegations against Town Square Energy LLC after customers accused the company of various marketing violations, PURA said. It resulted in a \$400,000 penalty to a nonprofit energy assistance organization.

Connecticut, with many

other states, allows consumers to sign up for third-party energy suppliers intended to introduce competition into the energy market and give consumers more choice. State regulators and consumer protection officials have fielded numerous complaints from consumers about deceptive and inaccurate information, prompting legislation to toughen state rules.

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## Amid pandemic, health care needs facing evolution

By Tom Murphy  
Associated Press

Health care costs rise every year, but the nation's biggest employers still see insurance coverage as an important benefit to provide.

They just struggle getting the health care system to deliver what their workers need, according to Elizabeth Mitchell, CEO of the Purchaser Business Group on Health.

Big companies also are adjusting to how those needs have changed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mitchell's nonprofit coalition is helping to sort all this out by working with some of the country's largest employers — think Walmart and Boeing — on the benefits they provide.

Mitchell spoke recently with The Associated Press. The conversation has been edited for clarity and length.

**Q: Telemedicine grew tremendously during the pandemic. How do you expect it to evolve for**

**employers?**

**A:** Telemedicine is a great example of something we have been hoping to expand for a very long time. People want both. You can't do everything over the phone or over email or by Zoom. You need some in-person care. We need to get that balance right, which I think we can.

The other thing we need to look for are the telemedicine companies going to further fragment care? Are they going to just be another redundant service that isn't coordinated?

**Q: You've done a lot of research on ways to cut health care costs and improve quality. What absolutely does not work?**

**A:** Most of what health plans are doing now. Health plan-based care coordination, doctors don't want it, and employees don't want it.

They want coordination to happen within their primary care practice. Those health plans should pay for a nurse at the primary care setting



Workers fill prescriptions at a grocery store pharmacy Aug. 19 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Health care costs continue to climb across the country. PAUL RATJE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

as an example. That would be a much more effective approach.

**Q: What do you expect big employers to do more of for mental health care?**

**A:** The big challenge is access to the right care. One approach is having (it) embedded within primary care. Evidence shows that when primary care provid-

ers screen for mental health and connect people with mental health professionals, that is one of the most effective ways to make sure they get care they need.

**Q: What's the most radical change employees might see to their benefits in the next few years?**

**A:** More innovative arrangements that go

beyond health care. If employees have surgery, (employers) want to make sure they get food delivery and Uber or Lyft transportation support. How can they do those wraparound services people really need? That's going to be a growing area.

**Q: Health care is expensive. Why do employers**

**continue to offer coverage?**

**A:** My members are the largest employers in the world. They are trying to recruit and retain top talent. Benefits can play a big role. They are expanding those benefits — fertility services, mental health services, financial services — because they want employees to be happy and healthy.

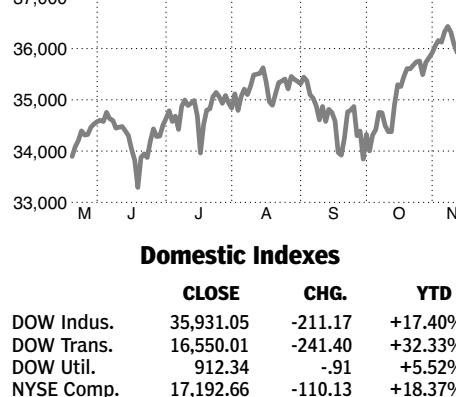
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35,931.05 -211.17

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1.60% -.03

**GOLD**  
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	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	35,931.05	-211.17	+17.40%
DOW Trans.	16,550.01	-241.40	+32.33%
DOW Util.	912.34	-.91	+5.52%
NYSE Comp.	17,192.66	-110.13	+18.37%
Nasdaq Comp.	15,921.57	-52.28	+23.54%
S&P 500	4,688.67	-12.23	+24.83%
S&P 400	2,888.63	-22.07	+25.23%
Wilshire 5000	48,677.66	-208.93	+23.37%
Russell 2000	2,377.01	-28.01	+20.36%

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AT&T Inc (T)	24.66	...	-14.3		Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	24.00	+.36	-5.6	
Activation Blizzard (ATVI)	64.20	-1.94	-30.9		Novartis AG (NVS)	81.90	-.01	-13.3	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	151.34	-1.11	+65.0		Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	292.61	-9.42	+124.1	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	84.90	-.14	...		Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	85.57	+.05	+26.7	
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Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	59.44	+.34	-4.2		Prudential Fncl (PRU)	110.28	-1.01	+41.3	
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Carnival Corp (CCL)	21.33	-.26	-1.5		Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	87.45	-.45	+22.3	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	56.12	-.14	+48.8		Rivian Automotiv A (RIVN)	146.07	-25.94	+45.0	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	691.04	+.186	+4.5		Rogers Corp (ROG)	270.06	+.02	+73.9	
Cigna Corp (CI)	216.98	-.78	+4.2		Roblox Corp (RBLX)	124.70	+.852	+79.4	
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Clover Hlth Inv (CLOV)	6.43	-.51	-59.6		S&C Technologies (SSNC)	79.24	+.65	+8.9	
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Hartford Fv Sv (HIG)	71.11	-.16	+45.2		Visa Inc (V)	205.06	-10.12	-6.2	
Honeywell Int'l (HON)	220.49	-.88	+3.7		Voya Financial (VOYA)	69.36	+.95	+17.9	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	17.37	-.87	+31.2		Webster Financial (WBS)	58.46	-.57	+38.7	
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Intel Corp (INTC)	50.23	-.38	+8		XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	77.58	+.17	+11.9	
Kaman (KAMN)	39.15	+.04	-31.5		Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.61	-.14	-15.4	
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# OPINION

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# Why grown kids are stuck at home

**By Justin Fox**  
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When the pandemic hit last year, young adults moved back in with their parents in a big way. Now the share of 18- to 29-year-olds living with parents and grandparents is back about where it was before COVID-19 arrived.

Still, you might think that 42.8% of 18- to 29-year-olds living in their childhood bedrooms or maybe the basement — which is the September percentage estimated by University of Maryland sociology professor Philip N. Cohen from Census Bureau data — sounds like a lot. And yes, by the standards of the six decades preceding the Great Recession, it really is.

That the percentage has risen every decade since the 1960s is an indication that some long-run social forces have been at work. More young adults are attending college and thus delaying getting their own permanent lodgings, and in general the growing-up process has become more drawn-out. Immigrant families, of whom there are far more in the U.S. now than in 1960 and 1970, are more likely to embrace multigenerational living.

Still, the big jump from 2000 to 2010 had some obvious short-term economic

causes too. In the latter part of that decade, huge numbers of Americans were entering adulthood amid the worst economic environment in 75 years, and they couldn't afford to move out on their own. Things didn't get much better in the 2010s as the job market slowly improved but inadequate housing supply in job-rich places plus tightened mortgage-lending standards kept making it hard for young adults to get their own places.

Another way to track this phenomenon is simply by counting how many households there are.

The number of households grew rapidly in the U.S. in the decades after World War II, initially because the war and Great Depression had held back household formation, and then because the many Baby Boomers started entering adulthood and moving out on their own. Household formation slowed as the growth in the young-adult population slowed and then began declining in the 1990s. But even as members of the giant millennial generation started entering prime moving-out age, household formation kept dragging, with the 2010s delivering the lowest percentage growth in at least 160 years.

So what happens now? The great pandemic return-to-the-nest has reversed,

but there's still a much higher share of young adults living at home than there was two decades ago. That might signify a lot of pent-up demand for housing, sort of like there was after World War II. And yes, household growth has been picking up in recent months, according to data gathered by Apartment List senior research associate Rob Warnock from the same Census Bureau survey as the living-with-the-parents statistics.

But a key reason why household growth was so slow before the pandemic was that young people (and not-so-young people) couldn't afford to move out on their own. With a 15.8% increase in rents nationwide over the past 12 months according to Apartment List and an 18.4% increase in home purchase prices according to Zillow, that's still going to be the case for many. After spiking early this year, the National Association of Realtors' Housing Affordability Index has fallen back to about where it was in 2018 — with rising incomes and low mortgage rates not enough to make up for the big increase in prices.

The move to remote work over the course of the pandemic has had its own perverse effects. It made housing more affordable for those who could keep jobs in expensive cities while moving to cheaper

housing markets, and at first it reduced prices in expensive cities. But it made those cheaper markets much less affordable for the nonremote workers already there, even as prices have mostly recovered in the expensive places.

Another significant development looms. According to the census's most recent projections, the number of Americans aged 25 through 34 will decline in the second half of this decade and after that grow extremely slowly for decades to come.

The most obvious takeaway here is that demand for housing will slow. But who would have predicted half a century ago that the percentage of young adults living with their parents would rise so much? Slower growth in the young-adult population could, if it translates into slower growth in housing prices, conceivably enable a reversal of that rise.

Or not. It's relatively easy to project demographic trends; it's much harder to assess their impact on the economy or asset markets or politics or anything else. But the propensity of young people to move out of the parental home seems like an indicator worth keeping an eye on.

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## Inflation, CRT have something in common



**Jonah Goldberg**

How is inflation like critical race theory? A lot of voters have a hard time explaining how either works, but they know they don't like it when they see it.

Obviously, it's a silly comparison on the merits. For starters, some voters actually like critical race theory while nobody likes paying higher prices. But, politically, the comparison is apt for two reasons.

First, the country is in a mood to blame the party in power for things it doesn't like, even if it's not abundantly clear the party in power is responsible.

The recent fights over CRT in Virginia's elections — whatever you think of the issue — had little to do with Joe Biden or Congress. The same is mostly true for other hot button issues such as "defund the police" or transgender bathrooms. But national Democrats are still being blamed for them. Tip O'Neill's maxim "all politics are local" has been replaced with all politics have been nationalized.

A new ABC-Washington Post poll has Republicans leading among registered voters by 10 points, the biggest lead in the 40-year history of the survey. The main driver of the voter dissatisfaction is the economy in general and inflation in particular, which hit a 30-year high in October and shows few signs of abating any time soon.

Inflation is a miserable problem in its own right, but it's an agonizing one for politicians in power because it affects everyone on a daily basis, especially those living paycheck to paycheck, and fuels a larger psychological fear that things are out of control. Among policy problems, it is almost uniquely immune to happy



Signs are laid out at a Save Our Schools rally in September in Leesburg, Virginia. PETE MAROVICH/THE NEW YORK TIMES

talk and political spin. Politicians can tell voters not to believe their lying eyes about the scope of some scandal, but you can't tell people they're not actually paying higher prices for milk, gas or their kids' shoes. Everyone is an expert about their own pocketbook.

And this is the second reason why the CRT comparison is apt. Trying to talk people out of their concerns only makes them angrier. Whether the Virginia schools were technically teaching CRT misses the point. Parents, exposed to what their kids were learning to an unprecedented degree thanks to COVID-19-related school closures, knew they didn't like what they were seeing. The label was incidental and attempts to tell parents they didn't know what they were talking about came across as condescending and out of touch.

Inflation presents the same dilemma on a far greater scale. President Biden spent much of the year dismissing inflation concerns, pressing ahead with huge spending proposals. "There's nobody suggesting there's unchecked inflation

on the way," Biden insisted in July (even though former Obama Treasury Secretary Larry Summers suggested otherwise). Then he transitioned to the argument that it is a "transitory" problem driven by supply chain hassles. And now he's landed on acknowledging it's a real problem but says that it just so happens that the same spending priorities he championed when he denied inflation was a concern will fix the problem. That's a remarkably convenient coincidence many voters are unlikely to buy.

I think Biden is probably right that inflation started as a supply-side phenomenon, driven by shortages of products and services and higher energy prices (though he dismisses concerns that his policies could drive energy costs higher). Our last bout of inflation — which helped crush the reelection hopes of both Presidents Ford and Carter — was a demand-side problem.

But there's no reason to believe that it will stay a supply-side problem. Inflation causes changes in behavior and, at some point, if people believe inflation is here for

the duration, they can make it a self-fulfilling prophecy. Throwing trillions more into the economy with the Build Back Better "human infrastructure" plan could be inflationary, or it could just convince people to behave as if it were.

And since that legislation can pass only if Democrats use reconciliation on a straight party-line vote to sidestep the Senate filibuster, they will own the consequences politically.

On a host of fronts — the Afghanistan withdrawal, the delta variant, the precarious balance in the Senate and, of course, inflation — Biden's first year has been plagued by problems made worse by his chronic underestimation of the risks or his misunderstanding of the facts on the ground. If inflation is still raging in mid-2022, Democrats will probably be swept from Congress. If it lasts much longer than that, Biden will probably join Carter and Ford in the one-termers' club, and there's nothing he can say to stop it.

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## Calling inflation 'transitory' devalues its description

**By Stephen L. Carter**  
Bloomberg Opinion

I'm tired of hearing that the current spike in inflation is "transitory" — not because I doubt the economics of the claim, but because the ever-more-common usage is devaluing a precious word.

Officials at both the U.S. Federal Reserve and the White House have been using the word for months. So have their critics. Inflation, says Senator Joe Manchin, isn't "transitory" because it's "getting worse."

What's surely getting worse is the overuse of "transitory" to mean "temporary."

"The dominance of baseball by an elite class of sabermetrically inclined front offices will be transitory," a New York Daily News columnist predicted last month. A California court explained last week that a defendant on trial for possessing a firearm can counter the charge by showing that he had the weapon "only for a momentary or transitory period."

The Grammar Curmudgeon is alarmed to discover that "transitory" has become a way of saying "temporary" — particularly because of the tendency of language inflation to devalue words by obscuring their traditional meanings. In the case of transitory, we're losing a nuance we ought to preserve.

There's nothing new in referring to economic difficulties as "transitory." A 1915 report from the Library of Congress had this to say about the growth in the number of banks after the Civil War: "The increase has been steady ever since, save for a few normal drops, accounted for by transitory conditions from which the recovery has been comparatively rapid."

On the other hand, the recent upsurge in the word's usage is likely a blip. Courtesy of Google's Ngram Viewer, we can chart a steady decline in the occurrence of "transitory" between 1800 and 2019. I suspect that the decline in the word's popularity mirrors the decline of traditional Christianity. Seriously.

There's a lesson in the old-fashioned theological meaning of the "transitory," and one need not be Christian, or even religious, to see what fast-fading definition we should be trying to nurture.

Cue the Oxford English Dictionary. The first definition of "transitory" might seem to match the word's current popular usage: "Not lasting; temporary; brief, fleeting." But the editors of the OED, before proceeding further, append a telling note: "In early use, often in Christian contexts, contrasting life in this world with the (eternal) afterlife."

Consider this from the 1928 edition of the Book of Common Prayer used by

several Protestant denominations:

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. (In the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, on which the 1928 edition is modeled, the Lord's comfort and succor are asked for "all them" rather than "all those." The punctuation also differs.)

This phrasing, tragically dumbed down in later editions, uses the word "transitory" in a narrow sense. The point of the prayer isn't simply that the life we live is temporary; rather that this life is relatively unimportant, our passage through it immeasurably brief.

A similar notion is in the sermon preached in 1865 by Phineas Gurley, chaplain of the Senate, at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln: "Lord, so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Wean us from this transitory world. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity."

Again, the point of "transitory" is to emphasize not merely the evanescence but the unimportance of our present existence. It prompts us to turn our thoughts toward what truly matters, because we ourselves are in motion, in transit from one world to the next. Preachers eventually applied

this trope to far more than the mystery of death, using the word to remind audiences of the fugitive quality of what seems at a given instant of such fundamental importance. "The student is transitory at the college," wrote a Pennsylvania pastor in 1906. "Soon he is gone and the institution remains." But time also works its magic on the institution itself: "As the centuries come and go, the college itself becomes transitory and passes away."

Thus we see the secular meaning of this traditional usage: Do not be so concerned about the troubles of the moment, the word advises us; they are unenduring. The deeper significance is that which worries us at any given instant is unimportant in the grand scheme.

If this is what economists, central bankers and elected officials have in mind when they call inflation "transitory," they should say that they think the public is upset about nothing. (And take the heat for saying so.) But if they mean that they don't expect the surge in prices to last, plenty of decent words are available.

When we're talking about bigger stuff — the nature of humanity's existence — then we can use "transitory."

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**SOLICITATION DESCRIPTION:** The City of Hartford is soliciting bids for the Downtown Traffic Signal Improvements -Phase I State Project No. 63-690, Federal Aid Project No. 000R(771). This project includes a Base Bid and two Bid Alternates.

State Project No. 63-690/Federal Aid Project No. 000R(771). Downtown Traffic Signal Improvements - Phase I Base Bid, includes the complete replacement of traffic control signal equipment at four (4) signalized intersections in the City of Hartford. This includes the following intersections: Main Street at Arch/Welles Street; Main Street at Elm/Sheldon Street; Main Street at Capitol Avenue; Main Street at Buckingham Street/Charter Oak Avenue.

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**SITE LOCATION (if applicable):** Various Intersections

**RESPONSE DATE:** December 15, 2021

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• Bid will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time of the bid deadline.

• The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Companies interested in doing business with the City are able to register and maintain their registration via the Internet at: [www.hartford.gov/procurement/purchasing](http://www.hartford.gov/procurement/purchasing)

click on current solicitations and bid opportunities)

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### Connecticut

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Glastonbury Town Council (Zoning Authority) will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Riverfront Community Center, 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut with an option for Zoom Video Conferencing to consider text and map amendment to the Building-Zone Regulations to establish a Town Center Village District (Overlay Zone). A copy of the proposed regulation text and map is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Office of Community Development, both located at 2135 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Dated at Glastonbury, CT this 10th day of November, 2021.

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL (Zoning Authority)**

By: Thomas P. Gullotta, Chairman

November 12th & 18th, 2021 70884134

Date: November 16, 2021

Betsy Wingfield, Deputy Commissioner  
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

The East Haddam Board of Education does not discriminate in regards to race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical disability.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 2:00 PM, at the East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Road, Modus, CT.

Brian S. Reas, Superintendent  
East Haddam Public Schools  
Modus, CT

11/18/2021, 11/19/2021 7088218

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### Connecticut

#### Notice of Intent to Modify the General Permit to Construct and Operate a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes

#### TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a tentative determination has been reached to modify the General Permit to Operate a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes.

PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

The proposed general permit modification, if issued, will include an additional appendix to authorize the receipt, storage and limited processing of food waste, provided certain conditions are met, at aggregation locations throughout the state.

COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

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PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT

The purpose of the general permit is to allow the aggregation of recyclable materials and certain solid wastes at aggregation locations for those materials and wastes. The general permit also allows for limited processing of certain materials and wastes at the aggregation locations. The proposed appendix authorizes the storage, receipt, transfer and depackaging of food waste at aggregation locations throughout the state under two tiered options. Tier I allows facilities to receive up to 20 tons per day of food waste and store material on site for up to 72 hours. Tier II allows facilities to receive up to 50 tons per day of food waste and store material on site for up to 48 hours. The proposed appendix authorizes the management of food waste consistent with statutes, regulations and policy reflected in the conditions. If the registrant plans to conduct depackaging of food waste under the proposed appendix, additional information concerning the depackaging process must be provided with the registration.

COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY

The Commissioner is authorized to issue this general permit pursuant to sections 22a-28(a)(i) and 22a-454(e)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commissioner is authorized to approve or deny any registration under this general permit pursuant to CGS sections 22a-208(a) and 22a-454(e)(1).

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Interested persons may obtain a copy of this public notice, the proposed general permit and the general permit fact sheet on the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep/publicinfo](http://www.ct.gov/deep/publicinfo) or by sending a request for an electric copy to DEEP at [elizabeth.moore@ct.gov](mailto:elizabeth.moore@ct.gov). The proposed general permit is also available for inspection by appointment at DEEP offices located at 79 Elm Street in Hartford, CT. Please contact [elizabeth.moore@ct.gov](mailto:elizabeth.moore@ct.gov) to schedule an appointment for an in-person inspection of the proposed general permit.

Additional questions may be directed to Elizabeth Moore at 860-424-3567 or [elizabeth.moore@ct.gov](mailto:elizabeth.moore@ct.gov).

Didders shall not include Federal Excise or State

**OBITUARIES BY TOWN****BERLIN**

Fiore "Sam" D'Amato

**CANTERBURY**

Fiore "Sam" D'Amato

**COLCHESTER**

Joseph A. Broder

**EAST HARTFORD**

Leroy H Carlson

Stefani Carroll

Carole L. Lepack

**ELLINGTON**

Elizabeth B. Marshall

**FARMINGTON**

Mary Jane Hart

Anne F. Morley

**GLASTONBURY**

Edward M. Pawloski, Jr.

**GOSHEN**

James R. Zampaglione

**HARTFORD**

Ted Connor

Edwin M. Hinojosa

**MANCHESTER**

Elizabeth B. Marshall

Edwin R. McCabe

**MIDDLETOWN**

William C. Donahue, Jr.

**NEW BRITAIN**

Andres Alicea Ramirez

Ruth I. Brooks\*

Fiore "Sam" D'Amato

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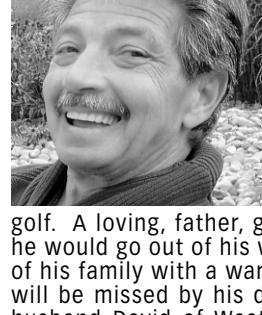
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Thomas M. Alemany

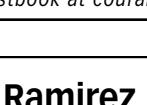
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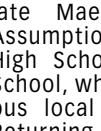
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**OBITUARIES****Alemany, Thomas M.**


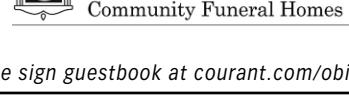
Thomas M. Alemany, 66, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Born in Hartford, he moved to Newington as a child. He graduated from Newington High School and later raised his family in Newington. Tommy owned his own business in town for many years and had a passion for playing golf. A loving, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, he would go out of his way to make you feel like a part of his family with a warm hug and a brilliant smile. He will be missed by his daughter Stacey Peters and her husband David of West Hartford; his beautiful grandchildren, Caitlin, Nicholas, Jayden and Lily; his sisters, Frances Steele of Ohio and Dolores Sullivan of Wethersfield; his cherished friend who cared for him towards the end of his life, Maria Alemany, and many more cherished friends he held close to his heart. He was predeceased by his brother Bernie, and his son Nicholas whom he missed very much. Relatives and friends are invited to call from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 20th at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave. in Newington where his funeral service will take place at 12:00 p.m. To share a message of sympathy with his family, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Alicea Ramirez, Andres**

Andres Alicea Ramirez, 75, of Newington, died peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Burritt Hill, 332 Burritt St., New Britain, is serving the family. To view his full obituary and leave condolences, please visit us at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Conway, William Kenneth**


William Kenneth Conway, 84, beloved husband of Mary (Boucher Bartolotta) Conway, of Vernon, CT and Westerly, RI, passed away on November 14, 2021. Born on April 18, 1937, he was raised in Seymour, CT by his mother, the late Mae (Demoske Conway) DuPaul, attending Assumption School and, for two years, Notre Dame High School. After graduating from Seymour High School, where he was known as Ken, he worked in various local businesses before joining the Air Force. Returning to Connecticut, he had a thirty-two-year career with Southern New England Telephone first as a lineman and then as an installer making lifelong friends along the way. Bill is best remembered for his support of others. He took delight and cheered people on as he encouraged them toward accomplishments they never thought they could achieve. He managed Little League Baseball in Vernon for many years (well after his children had reached adulthood) and remembers each of his players, the position they played, how they grew in their ability and understanding of the game, and who they were as a person. He loved seeing his players years later with their own children. Bill was a hands-on guy and loved working in the yard creating little places that both looked and felt good, and nary a day went by when he didn't say, "I think I'll mow the lawn today." Bill's pride and joy was his incredible family: Richard, Diane, Brendan, and Sean Conway; Jennifer, Sam, Mae, Caitlin, and Emily Ward; David, Michelle, Dom, and Joe Bartolotta; Jonathan, Caroline, and Finnegan Bartolotta; Michael, Melissa, Celia, Luciana, and Sebastian Bartolotta; and, Brian, Kevin, and Alexis Bartolotta. Bill also leaves his brother and family William, Karen, and Jeffrey DuPaul, in-laws Jane, Anne, Vincent, and Robin Boucher, many nieces and nephews, and his many friends. He looked forward to and treasured all family holiday gatherings especially July 4 vacation week, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Bill also took pride in supporting and being a member of the Rockville Fish and Game Club, Rockville American Legion Post 14, the Westerly Yacht Club, the SNET Pioneers, and the National Rifle Association. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or a charity of the donor's choice. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at Ladd Turkington Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Taftcottville Road, Route 83, Vernon, CT. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Saint Bernard Church, 25 Saint Bernard Terrace, Rockville, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Connecticut State Veteran's Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**OBITUARIES****Broder, Joseph Arnold**

On Tuesday, November 16th, the Broder family suffered a profound loss with the unexpected passing of Joseph Arnold Broder, 82. Joe's death has left his family, friends, and all those that had the blessing and good fortune of knowing him in a state of absolute shock and sadness. Joe is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Andrea; their son, Michael, daughter-in-law, Kris, and two grandchildren, Hudson and Chloe.

Born January 19, 1939, to Morris and Dora Broder, Joe was a graduate of Bacon Academy, Trinity College, and Harvard Law School. He served as Senior Partner of Broder and Butts Attorneys at Law from 1974-2000 and then as a solo practitioner until his retirement in 2015.

A devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and selfless friend, Joe was always willing to listen and lend a hand. He was a kind and gentle man who set the standards of decency, integrity, humility, pragmatism and compassion we should all strive to emulate.

Throughout Joe's life, the call to service rang loud—whether serving as Commander in the US Navy Reserves Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps from 1965-1989; State Representative from Connecticut's 48th District; Special Counsel to the Town of East Haddam; and Colchester Town Attorney. He had a deep desire to give back to Country and community and he did so his entire life, selflessly and with sacrifice.

What he leaves to us is what he said, what he did and what he stood for. His strength of character, purity of will, extreme tenacity, objectivity and incorruptible judgement. These traits are of a kind seldom found joined in a single individual. That is the legacy he leaves with us. And, while the world is emptier without him, our lives are fuller because of him.

A lifelong Colchester resident, Joe was active in many organizations including the American Legion, Colchester Business Association, Colchester Fish and Game Club, Colchester Grange, Colchester Jaycees and as former President of Rotary International (Colchester Chapter). He was an active outdoorsman and loved the 82 years he enjoyed at Lake Hayward—it was his sanctuary. It was the one place which brought him happiness, joy and peace.

In the words of his favorite actor, John Wayne, Joe lived life with true grit, "making a decision and standing by it, doing what must be done. No moral man can have peace of mind if he leaves undone what he knows he should have done." That is the way he lived. That is the way he would want to be remembered.

"You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knew why. A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death, we love you still. In our hearts, you hold a place that no one could ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God took you home." Author Unknown.

Rest in peace devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and life teacher—you lived a life with humility, kindness, and grace.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Joe touched are invited to his memorial service held on November 18th at 1 pm at Congregation Ahavath Achim, 84 Lebanon Avenue, Colchester, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Conran, Sheila**


Sheila Conran, 84 of West Hartford, passed away on November 15, 2021. She was reunited with her loving husband James Conran who predeceased her 14 years ago. Sheila was also greeted by her daughter Kathleen Conran who passed away last year.

Born in Waterbury, CT to John F Robinson Sr., and Julia (McGrath) Robinson, Sheila moved to West Hartford as a child where she graduated from Hall High and then graduated from Marjorie Webster School in Washington, DC.

Sheila returned to West Hartford and taught kindergarten at her father's private school, Robinson School. It was there she met her husband James. She was a proud wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Sheila was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle since a child. She was very active in the parish and school over the years. Sheila and her husband served as President of Parish Council as well as the STA home/school association.

Sheila was also active in the Women's Circle and was president of the Women's Club. After her husband's death she founded "The Widows Group", a group for women who lost their spouse to come together to break bread, laugh and have a good time.

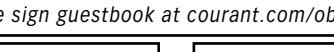
Sheila is survived by four children, Mary Margaret Smith (Jeffery) of New Hampshire, Philip Conran of Avon, Richard Conran (Mary) of Colorado, and Elizabeth Conran of Hartford. Four grandchildren James Smith (Brooke) of New Hampshire, Shane Smith (Katie) of New Hampshire, Jake Conran of West Hartford, and Faith Brown-Conran of Hartford, and two great grandchildren Hadley Smith and Shannon Smith both of New Hampshire.

Sheila is also survived by a brother John Robinson Jr. (Jeanette) of Delaware and a sister Mary Ann Robinson of Bloomfield, three brothers-in-law Phillip Conran (Margaret) of California, Edward Conran of Hartford, Paul Conran of Colorado and a sister in law Kathleen Conran of Farmington. She also has many nieces, nephews and special friends.

Sheila was predeceased by her parents John and Julia, sister and brother in-law Patricia (Robinson) and Lawrence Welch, sister Regina Robinson, brother-in-law Robert Conran, sisters-in-law Rosann Conran and Patricia Conran and her nephew Shane Conran.

A celebration of Sheila's life will take place on Saturday November 20, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford, CT 06107.

Sheila requested that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to Holy Family Passionist Retreat. Burial will be private at a later date. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

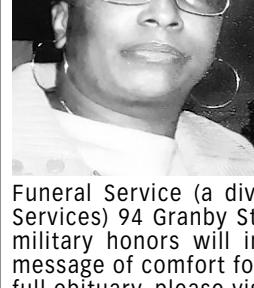


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Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Carlson, Leroy H**

Please join us for a memorial service for Leroy H Carlson Jr. on Sunday November 21, 2021 at 2pm at Faith Lutheran Church located at 1120 Silver Lane East Hartford CT. Leroy H Carlson Jr (Lee) of East Hartford, Portland and Glastonbury, widower of Nancy M Carlson passed away Sunday March 15, 2020 at Brookdale Buckingham in Glastonbury CT from advanced Alzheimer's disease.

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Carroll, Stefani**


Stefani Fawn Carroll, 64, of East Hartford, CT departed this life to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Stefani was born in Richmond, VA on October 15, 1956 to the late Edgar A. Carroll and Eunice (Dugan) Carroll. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 11:00AM at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (a division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services) 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002; Full military honors will immediately follow. To leave a message of comfort for the Carroll family and view the full obituary, please visit [www.hkhfuneralservices.com](http://www.hkhfuneralservices.com)

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Donahue, Jr., William C.**


William (Bill) C. Donahue, Jr., 81, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 8, 2021 at home surrounded by family. He was born June 27, 1940 in Middletown, CT, spending his last three years in Portland, CT. Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years Dorothy O. Donahue and their five children: William (Michelle) and Christopher (Michelle) of Portland, CT; Stephen (Jennifer) of Deep River, CT; and David (Temma) of Portland, ME. In addition, he leaves 13 grandchildren. The Funeral Liturgy will be held on Monday (Nov. 22nd) at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Freestone Ave., Portland. Burial will be at the convenience of his family. Calling hours are on Sunday (Nov. 21st) from 3 to 5 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown. To share memories or express condolences online and for the full obituary, please visit <https://www.biegafuneralhome.com/>.

Please sign guestbook at [courant.com/obituaries](http://courant.com/obituaries)**Connor, Ted**

Ted Connor, aged 72, passed away on October 18, after a 10-year battle with cancer. He was born in 1949 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the fourth child of Frederick J (Ted) Connor and Lucille Derouin Connor.

Ted was an enthusiastic traveler, exploring areas of Ireland, France and Mexico; he spoke both Spanish and French well. Over the years Ted lived in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas and New Mexico, and most recently Santa Cruz, California.

Ted graduated from Simsbury High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He worked for many years as a builder / carpenter, counselor, literacy tutor, and paralegal, ending his working life as a massage therapist. Ted was an intrepid explorer with an unquenchable curiosity. His interests were those of a true renaissance man - he wanted to learn everything!

While living in Montpelier, Vermont, Ted became an accomplished potter. His love of music, especially live performances, remained strong throughout his life. Ted often spoke of how blessed he felt to have attended

concerts featuring seminal musicians like Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Laura Nyro and many others. In Santa Cruz, where Ted lived for many years, he took great joy in volunteering at three popular local music venues. Ted was a constant, expansive reader, ranging from classic literature to comic books, fiction, poetry, history, criticism, current journalism and more. He always had a book in progress and introduced his friends to many new works and authors. Ted took great pleasure taking long walks in nature with family and friends, always closely observing and noting the beauty and mystery along the way. He was the poster child for "stop and smell the roses". He was also grateful and rightfully proud of his 35+ years of sobriety.

Ted was predeceased by his wife Khea (AKA Kathy) Cook and leaves behind daughter Heather Anne Wilson and grandchildren William Case Robotham and Alexandra Davis Robotham; as well as siblings Patricia Rogers and her husband James F. Rogers and their sons Jim and Dennis Rogers; Anthony Connor and his wife Paula Gannon and their sons David and Paul Connor; Timothy Connor and his wife Lucy Winner and their daughter Kyla Winner-Connor; sister Mary Connor; and sister Anne Connor Senni, and Anne's children Teo Senni, Justin Senni and Caitlin Senni. as well as many loving cousins and relations. In Santa Cruz Ted leaves many friends but especially his dear friend and companion Isabel Gilman. and longtime friend and beloved roomie Jean Morrison - both of whom made sure Ted felt nurtured and supported throughout his illness.

A celebration of Ted's life will be planned in the future. In lieu of flowers we suggest that you support charities / organizations supporting refugees and displaced peoples (such as Doctors without Borders) or a charity of your choice addressing Ted's longtime concerns about social justice.

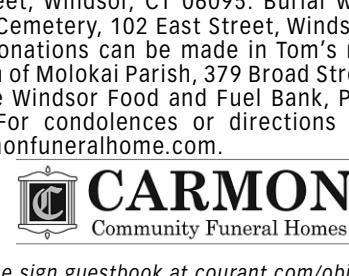
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to share memories of loved ones.

## OBITUARIES

## Conroy, Jr., Thomas J.



Thomas "Tom" J. Conroy Jr., 78, of Windsor, beloved husband of Virginia Conroy for 56 years, died Tuesday, November 16, 2021, surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness. Born December 17, 1942, to the late Thomas and Evangeline (Bushey) Conroy in Portland, CT, Tom graduated from St. Michael's College in Vermont and went to work for the Travelers Insurance Company, a company he remained with until his retirement in 2005. Tom coached all three of his kids in baseball and softball and enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in dance recitals and sporting events. He was the #1 fan of the Connecticut Diamonds Softball Team, rarely missing a game. He and Ginny frequently traveled with a group of their oldest and dearest friends and could be found in all parts of the world, unmistakable in their trademark bright yellow shirts. In addition to his wife, Tom is survived by his three children: Michael Conroy (Lisa) of Troy, NY, Christopher Conroy (Suzanne) of Los Angeles, CA, and Kerry Hicks (Gerald) of Windsor. He also leaves grandchildren Olivia Conroy, Aidan Conroy, Christian Hicks and Sydney Hicks, a sister, Patricia Gannon of Portland, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Karen and Steve Brimecombe of Windsor, brother-in-law Laurence Kalinowski of Florida, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and cherished friends. In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by his brother David Conroy, his sister Eileen Kalinowski, and brother-in-law David Gannon. The family wishes to send their most heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Mark Schaner and the entire nursing staff of St. Francis Hospital for their professionalism and compassion during Tom's illness. Tom's family will receive friends and family on Friday November 19, 2021, from 4-7PM at the Carmon Poquonock Funeral Home, 1816 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, CT 06095. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday November 20, 2021, at 10AM at St. Damien of Molokai Parish - St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad Street, Windsor, CT 06095. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, 102 East Street, Windsor. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Tom's name to the St. Damien of Molokai Parish, 379 Broad Street, Windsor and/or the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank, P.O. Box 854, Windsor. For condolences or directions please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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## D'Amato, Fiore "Sam"



Fiore Samuel "Sam" D'Amato, 97, formerly of East Berlin, passed away on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 at MidState Medical Center in Meriden. He was the widow of Lillian Ida (Maino) D'Amato.

Born in New Britain, he was the son of the late Sabatino and Casilda (Pezzina) D'Amato. Fiore graduated from New Britain High and attended Moody's School of Business. Fiore was a U.S. Army Veteran and served in World War II with five of his brothers in the Ranger Unit, 2nd Battalion Headquarters Company. He was employed at Fafnir Bearing Company for over 35 years, retiring as a Production Manager. Fiore was very active in his retirement. He was a member of the Berlin VFW, where he was a Past Commander and Adjunct, a member of the Fafnir Seniors, an original member of the Timberlin Golf Seniors and past president of the Stony Mill Condo Association. Fiore was also a member of The Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin. He loved to golf, bowl, and play cards at the VFW. He was a fantastic carpenter by building beautiful pieces of furniture for his family that will be cherished forever.

Surviving are a son, Tom D'Amato and his wife Mary of Berlin; a daughter, Pat Young and her husband George, also of Berlin; four grandchildren, Michael and his wife Catherine of West Hartford, Jenna D'Amato of Berlin, Erin Shea and her husband Tim of Canterbury, Matthew Young and his wife Jamie of Shelton; four great-grandchildren, Timmy, Jenny, Sam and Hallie; a brother, William "Willie" D'Amato; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by twelve brothers and sisters.

Special thanks to those at The Village of Kensington Place for their compassion and care during his short time there. And to the Special Care unit at Midstate Medical Center who made his final moments comfortable.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin. Burial, with military honors, will be in Fairview Cemetery. A calling hour will be held Monday morning from 10 AM to 11 AM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin/Porters, 111 Chamberlain Hwy, Kensington. Memorial donations may be made to VFW Foundation, ([vfw.org](http://vfw.org)). Please share a memory of Fiore with the family in the online guest book @ [www.ericksonhansenberlin.com](http://www.ericksonhansenberlin.com)

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## Hart, Mary Jane (Nicol)

Mary Jane (Nicol) Hart, 89, of West Hartford, formerly of Farmington and Naples, FL, beloved wife of the late LeRoy Hart, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Born in Yonkers, NY, she lived in NYC through her younger years to adulthood, moving to Connecticut after her marriage. Mary Jane thought herself a "true New Yorker". Prior to her retirement she was employed for many years at Heublein. In retirement, Mary Jane and her husband resided in Naples, FL, their eternal vacation paradise.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Christine Hart; two granddaughters, Alicia Hart Kucharczyk (David) and Shauna Rothwell (Spencer); three great-grandchildren, Marie and Evan Kucharczyk and Paige Rothwell and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Mary Jane was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Georgina (Sutherland) Nicol, her step-mother, Gladys Nicol, a step-son, Mark L. Hart and a granddaughter, Shelby Hart.

Funeral Services are private. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)

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## Hinojosa, Edwin M.

Edwin M. "Poncho" Hinojosa 79, of Sterling formerly of Bloomfield beloved husband of Irma (Ruksenaita) Hinojosa passed away Nov. 16, 2021. He was born Nov. 24, 1941 in Lima, Peru a son of the late Berardo and Carmen (Franco) Hinojosa. He was employed by Reliable Manufacturing for many years. He leaves a son Edwin K. Hinojosa of Sterling; 6 grandchildren Edwin, Shalon, Scott, Katrina, Mariah and Natalie; 3 great grandchildren Alianna, Arlie and Penny; a brother Victor Hinojosa of Framingham, MA. Visiting hours are Saturday (11-20-21) from 2-4PM at Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home 595 Norwich Rd. Plainfield. Burial will be private. [www.doughertybrosfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughertybrosfuneralhome.com)

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## Lepack, Carole L.

Carole L. Lepack, 77, of East Hartford, CT, departed this life on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Carol was born on December 29, 1943, in Hartford, CT to the late Felix and Elizabeth Lepack.

A celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 10:00am with a viewing from 9:30am - 10:00am at First Church of the Nazarene located on 932 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Interment will be held at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Lepack family and view the full obituary, please visit [www.hkhfuneralservices.com](http://www.hkhfuneralservices.com)

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## McCabe, Edwin R.

Edwin "Bud" R. McCabe, 91, of Manchester, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2021. Bud was the beloved husband of Shirley (Crie) McCabe with whom he had recently shared their 69th wedding anniversary. He was the son of the late Raymond and Anne McCabe and was predeceased by his daughter Karen McCabe Krasner and his son-in-law Steve, his brother-in-law John Crie and sister-in-law Ginger Rothman.

Besides his loving wife Shirley, he is survived by his children Raymond McCabe (Jamie) of Cape Coral, FL, Kathy McCabe of Rye, NH; his grandchildren Kevin of Manchester, CT, and Sarah Krupa (James); and great-grandchildren Lexi and Zachary, all of Cape Coral, FL. Bud also leaves his brothers Gerald Rothman (Marilyn) of West Palm, FL and Michael Rothman of Anthem, AZ; and his sister-in-law Evelyn Scavetti of Clearwater, FL. He was revered as "Uncle Bud" by his nephews and nieces, many of whom would stop by and visit. He liked to chat and loved his family whether they lived near or far.

As a lifelong Manchester resident and Pratt & Whitney employee for over 40 years, Bud enjoyed many wonderful and lasting friendships. The family thanks these friends, neighbors and extended family that have supported them over the years.

A calling hour will be held Monday November 22, 2021, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. at Tierney's and a burial at East Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bud's name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).

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## Pawloski, Jr., Edward M.

Edward M. Pawloski, Jr., 85, of Vernon passed away peacefully on Monday, November 15, 2021 at home surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband of Frances (Teveris) Pawloski for 65 years.

Born in Hartford on January 18, 1936, Edward was the son of the late Edward M. Pawloski, Sr. and Lucy (DelMastro) Pawloski. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and retired

from The Hartford Insurance Company after many years of service.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Edward M. Pawloski III of West Palm Beach, his daughter Laurie Lippmann of Vernon, four grandchildren Christopher Lippmann and his wife Beth, Stephanie Knightly and her husband Jordan, Jennifer Lippmann and partner Timothy Smith, and Dayna Lomnicki, three great grandchildren Seraphina Lippmann, Sawyer Knightly, and Maci Skidgel, and his longtime friend Chick Enman. Edward was predeceased by his daughter Linda Pawloski and his sister Jean Armando.

Edward met his wife during their time together at Glastonbury High School before joining the Army. The two spent their first years of marriage living in Paris and traveling through Europe, celebrating his Italian and Polish roots. After discharging from the Army, they bought their home in Vernon and spent the rest of their lives there.

He enjoyed his many vacations on Cape Cod, eventually buying a home there to create treasured memories for his family and friends.

Edward was an avid sports fan- living through the endless heartbreak and romance of the Boston Red Sox, celebrating numerous UConn basketball championships, watching all his grandkids play from the sidelines of their games, and golfing with the AGCA club for 50 years.

Above all else, Edward was a family man. His mother instilled this into him from a young age through endless family gatherings which he has passed on to the generations that follow. Not only does he leave behind his beloved family, but also countless honorary children and grandchildren who treasured him. To know him was to love him.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 12:00 noon at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Friends may call on Saturday from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon at the funeral home. For online condolences, please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com).

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## Marshall, Elizabeth Burke (Betty)

Elizabeth Burke Marshall (Betty), 89, of Manchester, loving wife of 67 years to Charles W. Marshall, passed away November 15, 2021. Born in Prince Edward Island, Canada on February 5, 1932. Daughter of the late Joseph Burke and Margaret McCaughey Burke, she came to New London, CT, when she was six months old. She graduated from St. Joseph School in New London, class of 1946, and Williams Memorial Institute class of 1950. She married Charles in 1954. They have lived in the Vernon - Manchester area since 1956. She retired from People's Bank in Vernon in 1992.

Besides her husband Charles, she is survived by two sons, Charles Marshall Jr and wife Victoria of Rotunda West, FL, Dr. Michael Marshall and wife Amy of Bedford, N.H., and two daughters, Margaret Lee and husband William of Westerly, RI, Lisa DiMauro and husband Thomas of Eastham, MA. Seven grandchildren James Hokkanen and wife Jessica, Bill Lee, Amy Martin and husband Dennis, Mollie Aho, Val Flanagan and husband Doug, Tommy DiMauro, Bailey Marshall, and nine great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by sister Katherine Campbell, infant brother Philip Joseph and granddaughter Michelle Lee.

Betty was an active member of St. Bartholomew's Church. Involved in many ministries and was a long-time member of Small Christian Community, where she made many great friendships. Betty and her husband were volunteers with "Meals on Wheels" in Vernon/ Rockville area for 20 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Parish of Saint

Teresa of Calcutta - Saint Bartholomew Church, 736 Middle Turnpike, Manchester.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Betty's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).

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## Morley, Anne F. (Wieloch)



Born in Walnut Creek, California to Mary Frances and Bernard Wieloch, Anne, age 59, died on November 6, 2021 in Spokane, WA due to the Covid-19 virus, just shy of her 60th birthday. She leaves her devoted and loving husband of 25 years, Christopher Morley of Chittaroy, WA, her 2 large fur babies, Romeo and

Riley, and her cats. Anne's love for animals extended all the way to Kenya, Africa where she sponsored 2 elephants at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

Anne was pre-deceased by her parents and her brother Bernard. She struggled and persevered as an above the knee amputee since 1999 and was an active participant in the St. Luke's Rehabilitation Amputee Support Group. Anne focused and excelled at hobbies such as genealogy, crafting, photography and cooking.

She leaves her sisters, Jane Wieloch Reik(Jonathan) of Farmington, CT and Susan Wieloch Flischel (Lee) of Villa Hills, KY, many extended cousins, and lots of nieces and nephews. She held a soft spot in her heart for her great nephew, Tucker and great niece, Lilly.

Donations in Anne's memory may be made to Sheldrick Wildlife trust.org or any animal charity of your choice, or St. Luke's Rehabilitation Amputee Support Group.

Burial will be private and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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## Pifferi, Bartolomeo



Bartolomeo (Ben) Pifferi, 89 of Southington passed away peacefully November 14, 2021. Ben was born December 1, 1931 in New Britain, the son of Vincenzo and Liberta (Morizio) Pifferi. Ben was the youngest of four children. He grew up in New Britain and attended local schools. He met his wife, Ersilia "Ceil" Stella in high

school and they were married in 1952. Ben served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Okinawa. Ben graduated from Central Connecticut State and spent most of his career as a math teacher at E.C. Goodwin Technical School in New Britain. Ben and Ceil loved to travel and over the years travelled around the world.

Ben is predeceased by his wife Ersilia (Stella) Pifferi; sisters Mary (Pifferi) Bianca, Anna (Pifferi) Warzocha; and brother Peter Pifferi.

Ben is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Paul and Sherilyn Pifferi of Farmington; grandson and wife Stephen and Joyce Pifferi of Avon; granddaughter and husband Emily (Pifferi) and Steve DeBiase of Simsbury; great-grandson Nathan DeBiase; and sister-in-law Matilda (Stella) Orsi of New Britain. He is also survived by nieces Debbie Bianca and partner John Acey of Rocky Hill; Valerie Listro of New Britain; nephews Thomas Bianca and wife Vivian of Colorado Springs CO.; Robert Orsi and husband Thomas McConnell of New Britain; and several great and great-nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 4 PM until 7 PM at New Britain Memorial Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT 06053. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 10:30 AM at St. Ann's Church, 47 Clark St., New Britain, CT 06051. A procession will assemble from 9:30 AM to 10 AM at the funeral home prior to the Mass. Burial will immediately follow Mass in St. Mary Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St., New Britain.

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## Smalls, Hazel L. (Lynch)

Mrs. Hazel L. Smalls, the daughter of Johnny and Ethel Lynch, went to be with the Lord on the morning of Sunday, November 14, 2021, at home.

She leaves to cherish her life her husband, Mr. Allen O. Smalls; children, Jayne, Diana and Milton Smalls; a brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph S. Randolph and wife, Alfreda; and a sister-in-law, Ms. Kellerceal R. Wragg; and a host of grands and great-grandchildren. Her son—Gregory Smalls—pre

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## Wells, Bradford S.

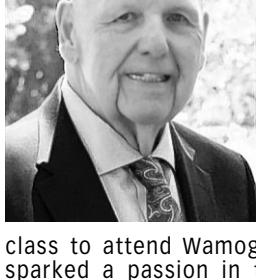


Bradford S. Wells, 95, of Windsor, beloved husband for 61 years of the late Helen "Peg" (Snow) Wells, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital. Born in East Hartford on December 7, 1925, son of the late Gilman H. and Mildred (Seymour) Wells, he was raised in Hartford and had lived in Windsor since 1949. Brad enlisted in the US Army after graduating from high school. He served in the 87th Infantry Division and saw action in Europe during the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes Forest and throughout Central Europe. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and three Battle Stars and was honorably discharged as a Private First Class at the conclusion of the war. Brad worked as a salesman in the food service industry throughout his career and retired from Better Brands, Inc. in 1990 after over 31 years with the company. Brad and his wife Peg were longtime active members of Trinity Church in Windsor. Brad enjoyed participating in many of the ministries within the life of the church including, the Methodist Men's Club, the Couple's Club, and as a member of the Church Trustee's and the Property Committee where Brad served for many years as chairman. He leaves a son, Bradford A. Wells and his wife Barbara of Wethersfield; a daughter, Kathleen Sullivan and her husband John of Keene, NH; three grandchildren, Kristen Prokop and her husband Matthew of Methuen, MA, Stacey Ventimiglia and her husband Christopher of Freeport, ME, and Caitlin Dubois and her husband Paul of Keene, NH; and six great-grandchildren, Taylor, Brayden, Ahna, Lia, Johnathan, and Elise. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by a sister, Evelyn Bierkan. His family will receive friends on Saturday, November 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 10:30 a.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Church, 180 Park Ave., Windsor, CT 06095. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).

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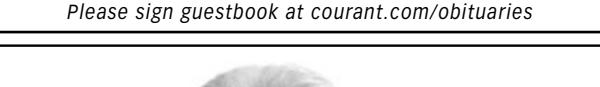
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## Zampaglione, James R.



James R. Zampaglione, 80, of The Villages, FL, passed away November 15, 2021. Jim was the husband of Janice (Berube) Zampaglione of 58 years. Jim was born on October 31, 1941 in Torrington, CT to James and Frances (Baldwin) Zampaglione. They moved to Goshen prior to the Flood of '55. He was in the first 4-year class to attend Wamogo High School. It was here he sparked a passion in the Industrial Arts Program to eventually take him to Central Connecticut State College to study Industrial Arts. It was here he met Janice Berube. They fell in love during a snowball fight. Within four years, they had started a family, complete with a son. As a family, they loved camping, snowmobiling and golfing. Jim was a communicant of both St. Louis de Montfort Parish and St. Vincent DePaul Parish. He was past President of The Goshen Volunteer Fire Department, President of The Goshen Driftskippers Snowmobile Club and continued his membership of the Torrington Elk's Club. Many weekends were spent at Canaan CC, Stonybrook CC and Torrington CC. In later years, they caught the boating bug that brought them to Catskill, NY and camping to Otis, MA. After moving to The Villages in Florida, Jim continued to play golf, ride his bike and be part of the boating club. One of his guilty pleasures was to own a '32 Ford StreetRod golf cart and be part of that club. He also enjoyed racing rc boats and cars and staying active within social clubs. Jim had a very successful career that started with The Torrington Company Needle Division that became Ingersoll Rand and eventually sold out and moved away. He then started a new career with Becton Dickinson for 20 years retiring in 2004. He was known for being tough but thru the years, we were always told fair. In addition to his wife Jan, he is survived by his son Jeff and wife Brenda of Litchfield CT, Granddaughters; Juliet Lackey and husband Taylor of Burlington, CT and Katharine Zampaglione of Torrington CT. He was preceded in passing by his Granddaughter, Elizabeth "Libby" Zampaglione. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Thomas of Villanova Church, P.O. Box 177, Goshen, CT 06756. Services will be at a later date at the convenience of the family. Kindly visit [www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com](http://www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com) to send the family an online condolence.

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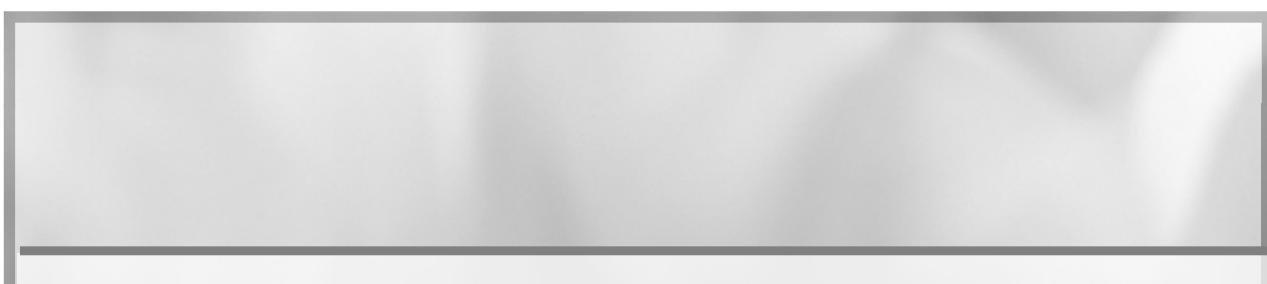
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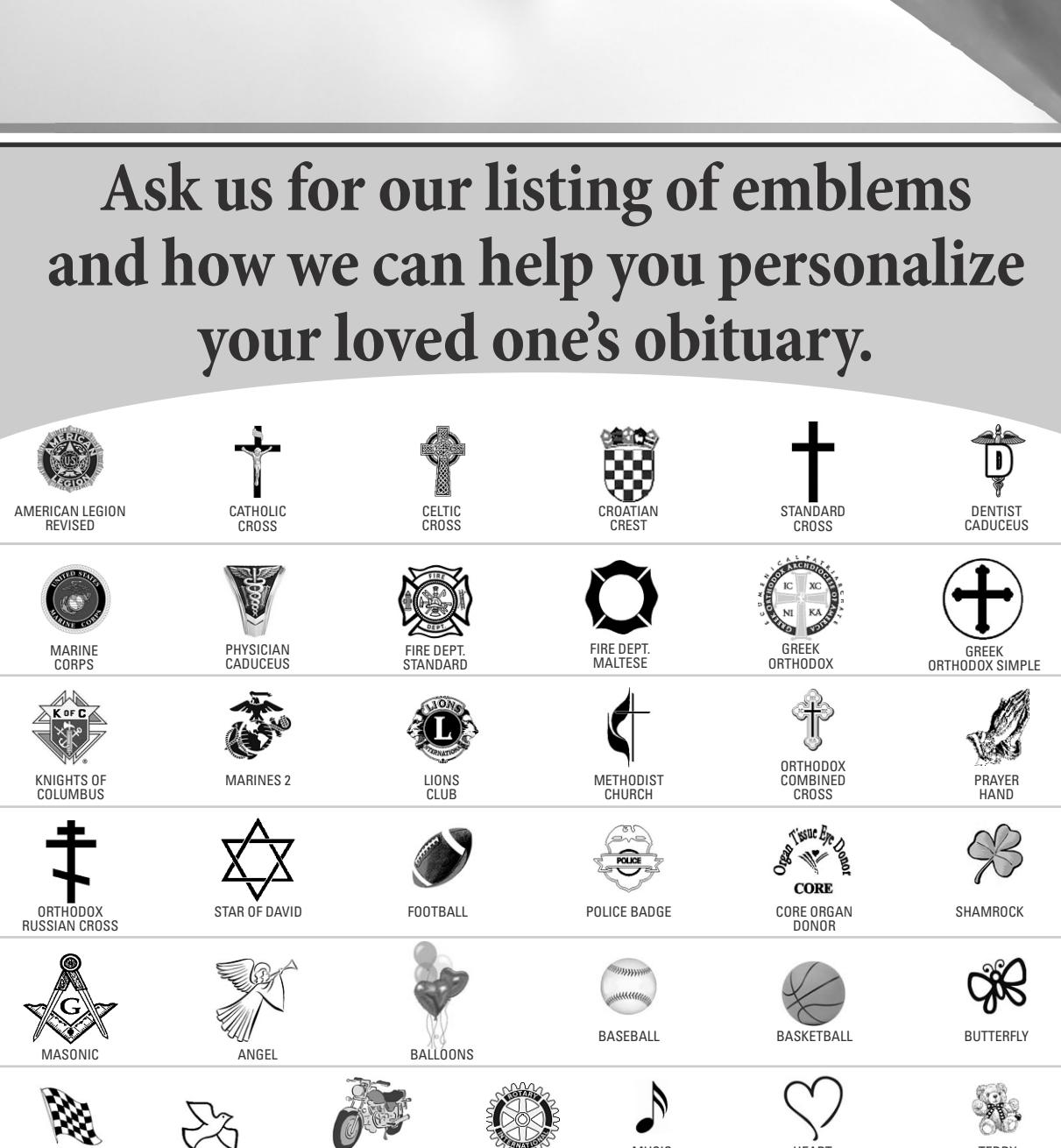
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## CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## State's weekly positivity rate rises over 3%

Highest since late September; hospitalizations are increasing

By Eliza Fawcett  
Hartford Courant

Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate and number of patients hospitalized with the virus continued to climb Wednesday, reaching their highest points in recent weeks.

Both metrics have been on the rise since late October and point to an emerging spike

in COVID-19 infections, coinciding with increased indoor gatherings during colder weather.

### Cases and positivity rate

Connecticut reported 838 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday out of 24,777 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 3.38%.

The state's daily positivity rate, which largely remained below 2% for most of October, has steadily climbed toward 3% and above in recent weeks. Connecticut's weekly positivity rate now stands at 2.98%,

the highest it has been since Sept. 20.

As of Wednesday, Litchfield, New Haven, New London and Windham counties reported "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, while Fairfield, Hartford, Middlesex and Tolland counties had "substantial" levels of transmission.

### Hospitalizations

As of Wednesday, Connecticut had 247 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, an

increase of four since Tuesday and the highest number of hospitalizations since Oct. 19.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

### Deaths

Connecticut reports additional COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays.

The state reported 33 COVID-19 deaths last week, bringing its total during the

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Windsor fifth grader Makhi Ettienne-Modeste holds his first news conference as Kid Governor-elect. STEVE SMITH/HARTFORD COURANT

## Windsor student elected CT's next Kid Governor

JFK Elementary's Ettienne-Modeste runs on platform of preventing animal cruelty, is state's 1st boy named to position

By Steve Smith  
Hartford Courant

WINDSOR — For the first time, a boy has been elected to serve as Connecticut's Kid Governor.

Running on a platform of preventing animal cruelty, 10-year-old Windsor fifth grader Makhi Ettienne-Modeste was named

to the position Wednesday.

Ettienne-Modeste learned of his victory at a school assembly that included the entire JFK Elementary School student body and was thrilled to tears.

"I knew it was going to happen today, but I didn't know it was going to be me," he said. "It was a full surprise."

The bright and cheery student said he

became passionate about preventing animal cruelty after seeing an animal abused in an online video.

"When I was probably 8 or 7, I saw this very disturbing video, and I did not like it," he said. "I didn't want that to happen to any other dog. I didn't want that to happen to my dogs or any other dogs."

Ettienne-Modeste said he plans to promote several ways that people can help prevent cruelty to animals.

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## Future of Mason statue to be debated at Capitol

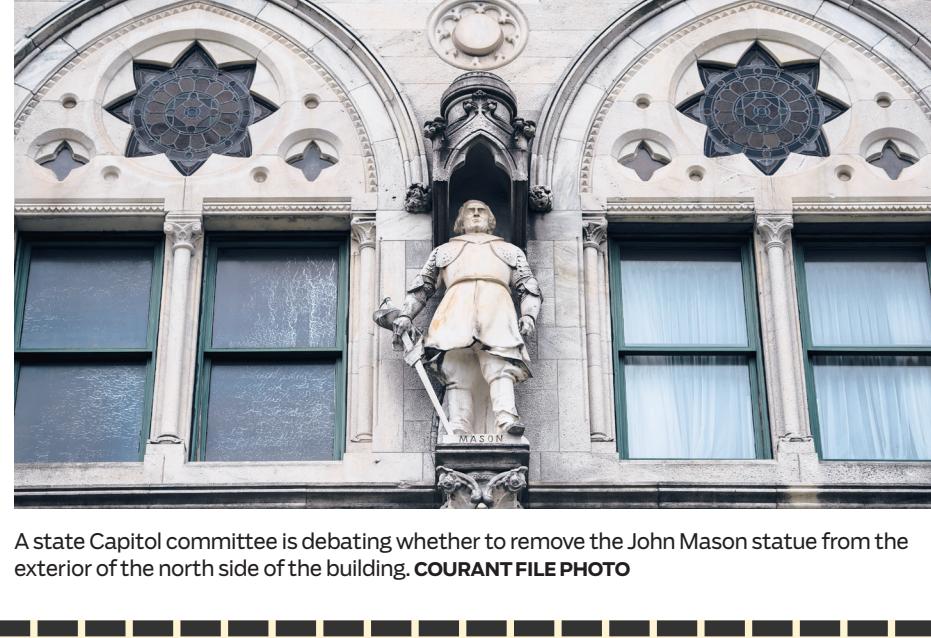
Leader of 1637 Pequot massacre faces 2021 reckoning in Conn.

By Rick Green  
Hartford Courant

Historians, Native American leaders and a descendant of Capt. John Mason will gather at the state Capitol on Thursday to debate the future of a statue honoring the colonial-era war hero who led a massacre of Pequot Indians in 1637.

It is the latest in a national reckoning over how to recognize once-revered historical figures, from Mason to Christopher Columbus to Thomas Jefferson. The Mason statue presides over the exterior of the north side of the Capitol, just a few blocks from the statue of Columbus that the city of Hartford removed last year.

Nearly 350 years after the deputy



A state Capitol committee is debating whether to remove the John Mason statue from the exterior of the north side of the building. COURANT FILE PHOTO

## Norwich officer dies from virus complications

Was serving as division's day shift commander

By Seamus McAvoy  
Hartford Courant

A Norwich police officer has died from COVID-related complications, the department announced Wednesday.

Lt. Josip Peperni, 57, of Lyme, was the patrol division's day shift commander at the time of his passing.

"Lieutenant Josip Peperni you will always be in the hearts and minds of everyone you have touched. Your positive spirit will live on forever," the Norwich Police Union wrote in a Facebook post. The union commemorated Peperni's deep love for his family, and the "utmost dignity and respect" with which he treated others.

"He was a true leader in the department," said Norwich Mayor Peter Nystrom. "He really was very much admired and respected within the department. ... It's a very sad day here in town. It's a tremendous loss."

Peperni, a 19-year veteran with Norwich police, served in several different roles with the department since joining in 2002, including as patrolman, K-9 patrol officer, marine/harbor patrol officer, crisis intervention team, DARE officer, school resource officer, administrative sergeant, records division commander and shift commander.

Peperni formerly served on the executive board of the Police Association of Connecticut, and as the president of Local #104 of the UPSEU/COPS Union. He was also formerly the treasurer of the Norwich Police Benevolent Association.

Peperni is survived by his wife and his two adult children.

Funeral arrangements and other additional information was not immediately available.

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## Redistricting panel picks new member to fill tie-breaker role

Associated Press

The panel of state lawmakers charged with redrawing Connecticut's legislative and congressional district lines has chosen another former state senator to be its ninth tie-breaking member after the group's original choice resigned.

John McKinney, a Republican former leader of the state Senate, was chosen unanimously Tuesday by the bipartisan Reapportionment Commission. He replaces former Democratic state Sen. Kevin Johnston, a former state auditor,

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# Elections panel probes issue of signatures

South Windsor GOP files complaint about Democrats' absentee ballot distribution

By Jesse Leavenworth

Hartford Courant

**SOUTH WINDSOR** — The State Elections Enforcement Commission is investigating a complaint from the South Windsor GOP that contends town Democrats illegally distributed hundreds of absentee ballot applications.

The complaint, which centers on the legality of preprinted signatures on absentee ballot applications that are mailed to potential voters, followed confusion over the rules among local political parties, registrars and election officials statewide.

The complaint by Republican Town Committee Chairwoman Kathy Daugherty and fellow party members says Democrats illegally included preprinted, instead of "wet," signatures for the person assisting with ballot applications for the Nov. 2 election. The SEEC "determined it was necessary to investigate this complaint," agency spokesman Joshua Foley said Wednesday.

"The one thing everybody is

going to say is this is a Trump thing," Daugherty said. "We are not looking to overturn this election and this has zero to do with anything on the national level. It's about the integrity of the voting process."

Democratic Town Committee Chairman Anthony Duarte, whose signature is the focus of the complaint, said the committee "followed the law regarding the distribution of absentee ballots in the recent municipal election, with the guidance of the Office of the Secretary of the State."

"The complaint has no merit and is yet another attempt by the Republican party to undermine the integrity of our voting process," Duarte said.

Along with Duarte, the complaint names secretary of the state elections director Theodore Bromley and political consultant Michael Farina. The complaint includes copies of absentee ballot applications with Duarte's signature as "person providing assistance." Daugherty and the other complainants contend that Duarte's failure

to sign each form personally was "a blatant violation of the law" that invalidates every ballot in question.

Gabe Rosenberg, general counsel for the Secretary of the State, said, "The trend of losing candidates crying fraud and attacking the integrity of election officials in order to erode voters' trust in our elections is a worrying one for our democracy."

"The claims made against Connecticut's Director of Elections are certainly part of that trend," Rosenberg said. "Those claims are false, and we look forward to the state Elections Enforcement Commission's swift investigation of these allegations."

Reporting on the issue in October, Courant columnist Kevin Rennie wrote that Newington Town Clerk James Krupienski first sounded the alarm on the issue after noticing the printed signature of the local Democratic Party chairman on ballot applications.

At a town clerks conference in late September, Krupienski told Rennie, a representative from Secretary of the State Denise Merrill's office repeatedly stressed that absentee ballot applications must include the "wet" signature of the person assisting the voter.

Krupienski said the instruction from Democrat Merrill's office was clear and repeated during an August PowerPoint presentation to town clerks. The applications his office were receiving, though, did not appear to meet that requirement, so Krupienski alerted the SEEC.

Bromley had advised Farina in an Aug. 9 email that a digital signature for the absentee ballot assister

overturn an election by attacking election officials and undermining public trust. Their conspiracy theories, racism and fundamental lack of patriotism are a dangerous threat to American democracy."

In an Oct. 14 letter, Bromley wrote to the SEEC to explain that a "miscommunication" had occurred over the application requirements. "This miscommunication should not affect the voters

**"We are not looking to overturn this election and this has zero to do with anything on the national level. It's about the integrity of the voting process."**

— Republican Town Committee Chairwoman Kathy Daugherty

was permissible, Rennie wrote. But as more town clerks began to raise concerns about the applications, Bromley told Farina in an Oct. 4 message that he was seeing applications with names in a Microsoft script, as opposed to a digital facsimile of an actual signature.

Farina said of the complaint Wednesday, "We followed the law to the letter, and now Trump Republicans are attempting — just like Donald Trump did — to

of Connecticut," he wrote.

The fine for violating absentee ballot laws can be as much as \$2,000 per incident.

Daugherty said South Windsor Republicans seek transparency and assurance that voting is secure and legal. "They need to button up the process," she said.

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## Man in custody in trafficking of minors

Used internet to lure victims, police say

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

A Cromwell man is in custody on \$1 million bail after his arrest by Meriden police, who say he trafficked minors who then were sexually abused.

Anthony Lazzari, 46, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant charging him with four counts of criminal attempt to commit commercial sex abuse of a minor, a Class B felony, and three counts of criminal attempt to commit trafficking of persons, a Class D felony, police say.

He also was charged with enticing a minor in an obscene performance and two counts of promoting prostitution, they say.

During an investigation that spanned more than a year, police say they learned Lazzari was using social media to entice minors. He then used the website of a dating and escort service to promote their sexual abuse, police say.

A warrant for Lazzari's arrest was issued by Superior Court in New Haven Tuesday. After what police describe as "continuous surveillance" by the department's Special Crimes and Crime Suppression units, Lazzari was seen headed west on East Main Street in Meriden later in the day and taken into custody, police said.

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who recently informed the panel he would not be able to serve as the ninth member.

The commission's members did not provide a reason for Johnston's resignation during Tuesday's meeting. Johnston, of Pomfret, had served as the ninth member during the 2011 redistricting process.

"I know he feels badly that he's unable to follow through on the appointment, as he did 10 years ago and did such a fine job then," said Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney, D-New Haven, of Johnston.

McKinney, who lives in Westport, represented the 28th state Senate district from 1999 until 2015. He served as minority leader for seven years and was a GOP candidate for governor in 2014, losing to businessman Tom Foley in the party's primary.

Both Republicans and Democrats said they believe McKinney will do a good job in his role of helping the panel reach a bipartisan agreement on how to redraw Connecticut's legislative and congressional district boundaries. In 2011, lawmakers couldn't reach agreement on the congressional district boundaries and the Connecticut Supreme Court ultimately named a special master to redraw the lines.



Members of the Windsor Board of Education join the new Kid Governor for a photo op. STEVE SMITH/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS

## Governor

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The Kid Governor program is a national award-winning civics program, created by the Connecticut Democracy Center at Connecticut's Old State House. The free program teaches fifth-grade students across the state about government, voting and the importance of civic engagement by providing lesson plans that work closely with curricula on being engaged citizens.

Ettienne-Modeste won the election over six other finalists, whose platforms include increasing physical activity in schools, climate change, kids and anxiety, child food insecurity and a cleaner Connecticut.

More than 8,400 students from 300 classes in 134 schools from across the state took part in the program. Each participating school was allowed to nominate

one student. Forty students were nominated.

Ettienne-Modeste will be inaugurated in January and serve a one-year term. The other six finalists will serve as the Kid Governor's cabinet. He said he plans to work with his cabinet on promoting their platforms, as well as his own.

"I really think they were good," he said. "I really want to work on my cabinet members' topics too — not just mine — because I want all of these [problems] to stop. I want to do all I can do to help them."

JFK Principal Jennifer Mitchell said that five teachers were instrumental in helping Ettienne-Modeste campaign, including writing his platform and recording his campaign video, and he had tremendous support from his schoolmates in the election.

"We've been working, within the context of our curriculum to not only understand the power of having a platform, or a stance on something you believe in, as Makhi



Windsor fifth grader Makhi Ettienne-Modeste hugs his mother, Joy Lynn-Hardy, after learning that he won the election to be the state's next Kid Governor.

did here but also about the power of voting," she said. "So we're going to carry this lesson beyond this assembly here into the classroom and reinforce to kids that if you believe in something, you can really make a difference. And in the meantime, you can vote for things you believe in."

His mother, Joy Lynn-Hardy, said Ettienne-Modeste has always had an altruistic spirit as well as a strong love for animals.

"We have two dogs at home that he absolutely loves," she said. "I think we would have a farm of animals if we could. He just loves animals and loves people."

Lynn-Hardy said this might be the beginning of a political career for her son.

"I think he's doing amazing," she said. "He's shaking hands and talking to people. I've never seen that before. It's like it was in his past life or something."

For more information, visit [ct.kidgovernor.org](http://ct.kidgovernor.org).

## Statue

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governor of Connecticut's death, critics saying the statue must be removed because of Mason's participation in the genocide that virtually eliminated native people from the New World. Some scholars counter that Mason's statue should remain — with the addition of statues of Indigenous leaders, such as the Mohegan sachem Uncas and the Pequot Sachem Sassacus.

"Is this a man we should celebrate?" posed Rodney Butler, Chairman, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council, in testimony submitted in advance of

Thursday's hearing. He urged the committee to move the Mason statue to the Old State House "where Mason's place in history can also be viewed in the context of the atrocities he committed."

"There is no doubt Mason engaged in what we now call genocide. The question for us in the year 2021, is whether a man who burned alive over 500 men, women, and children, systematically hunted and slaughtered any remaining members of the tribe, and attempted to eradicate an entire cultural identity, language, and heritage deserves a place of distinction on the face of Connecticut's state Capitol? I submit to you that he does not."

Mason's victories led to his

appointment as a major general with control of the Connecticut militia. He also was given hundreds of acres of land in southeastern Connecticut, including Mason's Island, at the mouth of the Mystic River, and much of what is now Norwich. Later in life, he was repeatedly elected deputy governor of the colony, and held the position until his health failed. He died at 72 in Norwich.

"It was an ugly, complicated and conflicted past," State Historian Walter Woodward said earlier this year. "There are no good guys in this. It was not a case of the terribly bloodthirsty English and the mild-mannered, peaceable Indigenous people. There was enough atrocity on both sides to make your

head spin. In our desire to correct for centuries of injustice to Indigenous people, we have adopted an interpretation of much of the past events that downplays one side of the story and builds up another side of the story."

Woodward is scheduled to speak to Thursday's hearing, along with other historians and scholars of Connecticut and Native American history. Also on the agenda is Marcus Mason Maronn, a descendant of Mason, who wrote in the New London Day last year that "John Mason was the commander in the Pequot War but he was no more of a genocidal butcher than Uncas or Sassacus. Actually, they were all prominent warriors, who fought for their survival."

## Virus

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pandemic to 8,809.

The United States has now recorded 766,646 deaths related

to COVID-19, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

## Vaccinations

As of Tuesday, 81.7% of all

Connecticut residents and 92.7% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 71.4% of all residents and 82% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 18.8% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents at least 18 years old have received a booster dose.

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## CONNECTICUT

# Commercial air service could ramp up at Sikorsky airport

Option could open if operator of Bradley takes the lead

By Kenneth R. Gosselin

Hartford Courant

Another commercial air-travel option could open up in Connecticut at Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford if the operator of Bradley International Airport takes the lead in running the Fairfield County airport.

The Connecticut Airport Authority said it is pursuing a long-term lease of Sikorsky Memorial, which is owned by the city of Bridgeport. The lease would allow the CAA to run the airport and develop commercial air service, the authority said, something the city has been unable to do.

Kevin Dillon, the CAA's executive director, said Wednesday that the CAA has marketed Bradley in Fairfield County, trying to persuade air travelers to fly in and out of Windsor Locks. Some have taken up the option, but the "vast majority" still go to New York.

"We have said all along that we've felt the development of Sikorsky was a very appropriate move because there's very little market overlap between Bradley and Sikorsky," Dillon said.

Dillon said it is possible the CAA could acquire Sikorsky in the future. In addition to Bradley, the CAA also oversees commercial air service at Groton-New London Airport.

The potential for ramping up commercial service at Sikorsky comes as Tweed-New Haven Airport is embarking on a \$100 million expansion, including a new terminal. Two weeks ago, Tweed launched its first flights to Florida from start-up air carrier Avelo Airlines.

Tweed, which is run by a private operator, also is looking to attract air travelers from Fairfield County.

"I still believe there are people in lower Fairfield County that, if presented with the alternative of Tweed or Bradley, they are



Breeze Airways, which serves Bradley International Airport, has expressed interest in flying in and out of Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford. COURANT FILE PHOTO

still going to go to New York," Dillon said. "Sikorsky is much closer to the heart of the market that we are trying to keep in the state."

Dillon said he still believes Tweed's development has to be closely coordinated with Bradley because of heavy market overlap.

Sean Scanlon, executive director of the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority, did not immediately respond to an email and a call seeking comment Wednesday.

The level of commercial air service would vary among Bradley, Tweed and Sikorsky because their runways are of different lengths. Sikorsky has the shortest, at about 5,000 feet, but could accommodate a carrier such as low-cost Breeze Airways, Dillon said.

The Connecticut Post reported earlier this year that Breeze remained interested in flying in and out of Sikorsky Memorial.

The State Bond Commission previously had approved \$7 million for improvements to Sikorsky Memorial, and those funds are

now set to be spent on improvements at the airport.

On Tuesday, Gov. Ned Lamont hailed the potential for ramping up service at Sikorsky — just as he did before the first Avelo flights out of Tweed — indicating that the governor now sees a stepped up role for both airports and not just one or the other.

"The easier it is to reach our state, the stronger it makes our state's economy and contributes to tourism," Lamont said. "These steps are necessary to ensure growth at Sikorsky is sustainable and that we are maximizing this transportation asset to the fullest extent possible."

Bridgeport officials could not be reached for comment Wednesday. But Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim said Tuesday the city looked forward to working with the CAA.

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## New Berlin sandwich shop Lou & Mo's offers eclectic combination of tastes

By Susan Dunne

Hartford Courant

Lou & Mo's Sandwich Shoppe opened Nov. 1 at 196 Berlin Turnpike in Berlin, offering a lot of sandwiches people have come to expect from sandwich shops — turkey, meatball, chicken salad — and some that would be difficult to find at other shops.

"We wanted to appeal to different demographics and people's different moods. One day you might want a cold sandwich and one day you might want barbecue. You might be health conscious and want a vegetarian sandwich. You might want a tuna sashimi sandwich," said Maureen "Mo" Mulvey, who owns the shop with her husband, Luis "Lou" Febus.

Mulvey, of Irish-Italian heritage, brought her family's meatball, "Sunday sauce" and Parmesan recipes to the shop. Febus, a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, who moved to the mainland at age 4 and grew up in western Massachusetts, brings Latin American flavors into the mix.

The couple lives in Southington, Mulvey's hometown, with their two children. Febus runs the kitchen with easy enthusiasm, and the bubbly Mulvey runs the front-of-house greeting customers. The 2,000-square-foot restaurant seats about 52. When spring comes, the large patio will open.

Let's take a look at some of the sandwiches at Lou & Mo's.

### Cubano

Febus respects traditional recipes of his sandwiches, but he can't resist tweaking them.

"Cuban sandwiches usually have yellow mustard. I prefer brown. The rest is the same."

The sandwich, finished in a panini press on a traditional wafer loaf, has slow-roasted pork, Virginia ham, pickles and Swiss cheese.

### Philly 3 Ways

People can get Philly cheesesteaks anywhere. Febus knows some cheesesteak lovers prefer chicken or no meat. He offers the recipe made with shaved ribeye steak, grilled chicken breast or roasted portobello mushroom.

All are topped with sauteed mushrooms, onions and peppers and provolone cheese.

### Carnitas Melt

Roast beef melt, chicken Parm melts and Reuben melts are more common, but Febus tops these off with his carnitas melt, a grilled sourdough bread creation of slow-roasted pork tossed in bourbon chipotle honey sauce.

He tops it with sauteed red onions and peppers, white cheddar cheese and chipotle aioli.

### The Herbivore

Lou & Mo's offers several vegetarian sandwiches: deviled egg, portobello, cucumber, veggie melt, eggplant.

One selection is the Herbivore: spinach, spring mix, romaine, kale, sliced cucumber, tomato, onion, avocado, roasted veggies, olive oil and red wine. Those who skip the feta will have a vegan snack.

### El Gordo Tripleta

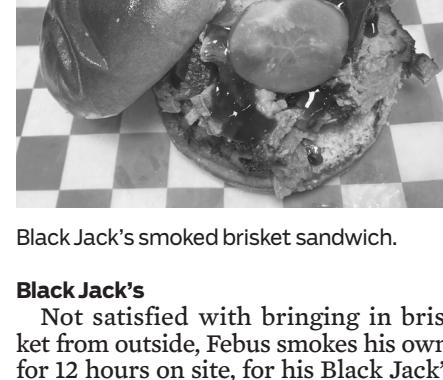
El Gordo Tripleta is a traditional Puerto Rican recipe made with chicken, pork and ham. Febus replaces chicken with ribeye.



Luis "Lou" Febus, who owns Lou & Mo's in Berlin with his wife, Maureen "Mo" Mulvey, runs the back of house while Mo runs the front of house. SUSAN DUNNE PHOTOS



The carnitas melt sandwich



Black Jack's smoked brisket sandwich.



The Cuban sandwich has one small twist.

steak, for a meat trifecta topped by bourbon chipotle honey sauce, sauteed onions and peppers, Cheddar and avocado.

"In Puerto Rico they use mayoketchup. I use chipotle aioli," he said.

Not satisfied with bringing in brisket from outside, Febus smokes his own, for 12 hours on site, for his Black Jack's smoked brisket sandwiches. The sliced meat is served on a grilled brioche bun with bourbon chipotle honey sauce and pickle slices. Febus smokes his own pulled pork as well.

The restaurant also offers a variety of seafood sandwiches, salads, breakfast dishes, desserts, soups and sides.

*Lou & Mo's is open weekdays 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. louandmos.com.*

*Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.*

## Yale commits to additional payments in lieu of taxes

By Seamus McAvoy

Hartford Courant

Yale University and the city of New Haven on Wednesday announced a new agreement that will raise the university's financial commitment to the city by \$52 million over the next six years.

The deal increases payments in lieu of taxes by Yale to New Haven over the next six years, and includes a plan for additional voluntary payments to help the city recoup losses in tax revenue on properties acquired by the university.

Yale will pay an extra \$10 million to the city annually over the next five years and an extra \$2 million in the sixth year, on top of its usual payments in lieu of taxes. For example, Yale will pay \$23 million next year: \$13 million in previously agreed payments, plus the \$10 million increase.

Combined with existing payments to the city, Yale will give about \$135 million over the next six years — more than Yale has paid New Haven in the last 20 years combined, Mayor Justin Elcker said.

"Yale and New Haven have a bond that has been tested by time and strengthened by shared purpose," Yale President Peter Salovey said in a statement. "As a New Haven anchor institution and the city's largest employer, the university is proud to do its part in building a community that creates sustained inclusive growth across every neighborhood in the city. New Haven is poised for accelerated growth with increased funding from the federal government, the state, and the university. New Haven's growing population and its support for innovation, as evidenced by new developments such as 101 College and burgeoning residential, commercial, and research space, will continue to position the city for a bright future."

About 60% of New Haven's property is tax-exempt, and about half is owned by Yale University and the Yale New Haven Hospital. The land value of those properties is estimated to be worth a combined \$4.7 billion.

New Haven generates approximately \$30 million in annual property taxes for every \$1 billion of taxable land, meaning the city misses out on about \$141 million in tax dollars each year from Yale properties.

Yale already pays annual voluntary payments to the city, in part to accommodate for this loss. The \$13 million in voluntary payment to the city in the 2021 fiscal year was the highest from a university to a host city anywhere in the country, the university has said.

Yale spends over \$700 million on New Haven between those annual payments, compensation to city residents who work at Yale and other community programs, according to the university. Yale is also the city's largest employer.

Still, the "town and gown" dynamic in the Elm City has not always been harmonious. New Haven Rising, a local economic, racial, and social justice group, has in the past organized around demands for the university and hospital to "contribute their fair share" to the city.

COVID-related shutdowns and subsequent recovery exposed or worsened the economic inequality already in place in New Haven and in cities across the state. Meanwhile, Yale announced this summer that its endowment value grew to \$42.3 billion thanks to a 40.2% investment return during the 2021 fiscal year.

In addition to the increase in voluntary payments, Yale also committed to additional payments to cover revenue lost by the city when the university purchases additional property.

Yale will pay 100% of the amount lost in taxes to the city for the first three years after taking over taxable property. That amount will decrease by 10% each subsequent year until the total reaches zero.

Any property that is converted from taxable to nontaxable by the university in the next six years will be covered under the commitment.

"This means that the city will not be as significantly impacted when Yale grows ... because we'll be effectively compensated for that loss," Elcker said. "It also means that, because we're not hurt by Yale's growth, Yale and the city are more aligned with supporting the university's success and growth."

Between the significant increases in payments made by Yale and upgrades to the state's Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, Elcker said the city now has greater flexibility to use incoming American Rescue Plan dollars to support economic recovery and workforce development programs.

The commitment announced Wednesday also includes plans for Yale and New Haven to partner in founding a "Center for Inclusive Growth," which will focus on implementing programs that support building wealth among historically marginalized communities.

The center will be housed at the Yale School of Management. Kerwin K. Charles, dean of the management school, will lead the center's coordination efforts.

"[Charles] has an expertise in wealth inequality, race and gender market discrimination, and intergenerational transmission of economic status," Elcker said. "Not only is he the dean of the Yale School of Management, but he brings just the type of expertise that will ensure the center's success."

Yale will contribute \$5 million in funding for the center over the next six years.

New Haven will also convert a block of High Street into a pedestrian and bicycle promenade as part of the commitment. The block in question, between Chapel and Elm Streets, runs through the heart of Yale's downtown campus.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE OLD SAYBROOK PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook, Connecticut will hold a public hearing at its regularly-scheduled hybrid meeting on December 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room of Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference, concerning the following:

"Martin" Application for Resubdivision of Land 5.93 acres into 2 lots 129 Bokum Road (Map 61/Lot 4), Residence AAA District  
Applicant/Owner: Theresa & Wayne Martin  
Agent: Robert L. Doane, Jr., RE.

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/959833313?pwd=NnldRmJenJPS0JBd6VyaHmtMERDOT09>  
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At this hearing, interested persons may call in to hear or may submit written communications in advance to the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Copies of application and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street, between the 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. hours of

OLD SAYBROOK PLANNING COMMISSION  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FREDERICK D. OSTERHOLTZ, late of East Hampton (21-00343)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenshock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated November 15, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Monika L. Graham, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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### LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION Town of Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 75-86, effective May 8, 1975, notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals has rendered a decision on the following appeal heard at their Regular Meeting held on November 10, 2021. These decisions have been filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Old Saybrook, Town Hall.

21/22-09C Tamara Laurie seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1 & 10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 23.5.1 (street line setback/35' required/18.6' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 176.4 s.f. screened porch with roof deck at 69 Cromwell Place, Map 32/Lot 56, Residence AA-2 District, Coastal Area Management Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone, North Cove Historic District.  
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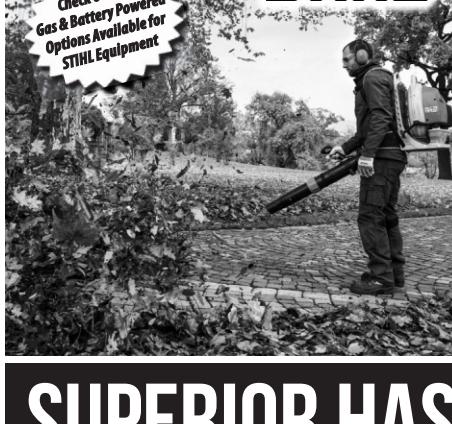
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Sharif Tabebordbar is seen Sept. 15 at the Broad Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. SIMON SIMARD/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## A SON'S QUEST

While he won't be able to cure his dad, a scientist's gene therapy research may help everyone else with muscle wasting diseases

By Gina Kolata  
The New York Times

**W**hen Sharif Tabebordbar was born in 1986, his father, Jafar, was 32 and already had symptoms of a muscle wasting disease. The mysterious illness would come to define Sharif's life.

Jafar Tabebordbar could walk when he was in his 30s but stumbled and often lost his balance. Then he lost his ability to drive. When he was 50, he could use his hands. Now he has to support one hand with another.

No one could answer the question plaguing Sharif and his brother, Shayan: What was this disease? And would they develop it the way their father had?

As he grew up and watched his father decline, Sharif vowed to solve the mystery and find a cure. His quest led him to a doctorate in developmental and regenerative biology, the most competitive ranks of academic medical research, and a discovery, published in September in the journal *Cell*, that could transform gene therapy — medicine that corrects genetic defects — for nearly all muscle wasting diseases. That includes muscular dystrophies that affect about 100,000 people in the U.S., according to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Scientists often use a disabled virus called an

adenovirus, or AAV, to deliver gene therapy to cells. But damaged muscle cells like the ones that afflict Sharif Tabebordbar's father are difficult to treat. To get the virus to those muscle cells, researchers must deliver enormous doses of medication. Most of the viruses end up in the liver, damaging it and sometimes killing patients. Trials have been halted, researchers stymied.

Tabebordbar managed to develop viruses that go directly to muscles — very few end up in the liver. His discovery could allow treatment with a fraction of the dosage, and without the disabling side effects.

Dr. Jeffrey Chamberlain, who studies therapies for muscular diseases at the University of Washington and is not involved in Tabebordbar's research, said the new method "could take it to the next level," adding that the same method also could allow researchers to accurately target almost any tissue.

Dr. Francis Collins, the director of the National Institutes of Health, which helped fund the research, said in a blog post that it holds "potential for targeting other organs," thereby "possibly providing treatment for a wide range of genetic conditions."

At Tabebordbar's office at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, he works typically 14 hours a day, except on the days when he plays

soccer with a group at MIT. While he works, he listens to Persian music, podcasts or audiobooks. He loves biographies, and made mention of a passage he found meaningful in an autobiography of English soccer player Michael Owen.

Owen writes that when he learned he had been voted European soccer player of the year, his reaction was muted. "All I wanted to do was score the next goal, the next hat-trick and lift the next trophy," Owen wrote. "Looking back, I was relentless in that respect, and I've no doubt that that mindset was key to my success."

"That is like me," Tabebordbar said. "It is amazing that we achieved this but now" — he snaps his fingers — "we need to get to work. What's next?"

At the University of Tehran, he majored in biotechnology. After 4 1/2 years, he had a master's degree but began applying to Ph.D. programs at universities doing research on muscular dystrophies, hoping that would lead to a discovery that could help his father. He ended up at Harvard.

All along the question hovered over him: What caused his father's illness?

When his father came to Harvard to attend the 2016 graduation ceremony, Tabebordbar seized the moment to have Jafar's genes sequenced and figure out the mystery. No mutations were found.

More detailed and sophisticated testing finally revealed

the answer: His father has an extraordinarily rare genetic disorder, facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy or FSHD, that affects an estimated 4 to 10 out of every 100,000 people. It is not caused by a mutation in a gene. Instead, it is caused by a mutation in an area between genes, resulting in the excretion of a toxic chemical that kills muscle cells. To Tabebordbar's horror, he learned that he had a 50-50 chance of inheriting the mutation from his father. If he had it, he would get the disease.

He was tested by a friend, who called him with the result. Tabebordbar had inherited the mutation but — amazingly — the mutated gene was missing the last piece of the toxic DNA, which prevented the condition from emerging.

In the Harvard lab, Tabebordbar worked on muscular dystrophy, using CRISPR, the gene editing technique. He attempted to use AAV to transport the CRISPR enzymes to muscle cells where it might correct the mutation. As others found before him, that was not so simple.

Tabebordbar's project at Harvard suffered from the high dose problems, too. Although he managed to correct muscular dystrophy in mice — a feat reported at the same time by two other labs — that was no guarantee the gene therapy would work in humans. Different species can

have different responses to the same gene therapy.

After he graduated from Harvard, Tabebordbar thought he had a chance to develop a gene therapy for muscular dystrophy at a biotech company. But after about a year, the company announced there was going to be a reorganization and the muscular dystrophy program was being dropped. Tabebordbar got a position in the lab of Pardis Sabeti at the Broad Institute and set to work. His plan was to mutate millions of viruses and isolate those that went almost exclusively to muscles.

The result was what he had hoped — viruses that homed in on muscle, in mice and also in monkeys, which makes it much more likely they will work in people.

As scientists know, most experiments fail before anything succeeds and this work has barely begun.

"I will do 100 experiments and 95 will not work," Tabebordbar said.

But he said this is the personality that is required of a scientist. "The mindset I have is, 'This is not going to work.' It makes you very patient."

He hopes his work will spare others from suffering. Yet his father's fate hangs over him. Jafar Tabebordbar has missed the window when it might still be possible to help him.

"He was born too soon," his son said.

## Glitters for decorating desserts can contain toxic metals, aren't safe to eat

By Candice Choi  
Associated Press

They make cakes and cupcakes sparkle and shine, but popular decorative glitters can contain toxic metals and aren't always safe to eat.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a recent report that the products known as "luster dust" aren't all meant to be eaten even if they're labeled "nontoxic." Some should be used for

display only, like on a cake topper that's removed.

The report cites investigations by health officials in two states that traced illnesses to baked goods using such glitters.

Rhode Island health officials investigated a report in 2018 of six children becoming sick after a birthday party, with symptoms including vomiting and diarrhea that were consistent with heavy metal poisoning. They all ate a bakery cake with frosting

mixed with a "gold dust."

Testing of a leftover slice of the cake showed it contained copper, as did tests on dust used by the bakery. The report notes the dust was marked as "nonedible," "nontoxic," and "for decoration only."

State health officials found widespread use of nonedible luster dust at other bakeries. Brendalee Viveiros, a food safety expert with the Rhode Island health department and co-author of the CDC

report, said the state issued guidance on the use of luster dust to businesses.

In 2019, the report notes that Missouri health officials identified a "primrose petal dust" used to decorate a cake as a lead hazard while investigating elevated lead levels in a 1-year-old. A jar of bright yellow decoration in the child's home had been used to create flowers for the birthday cake. Lab tests of the dust, which was labeled as "nontoxic," indicated the

sample was 25% lead.

A public advisory from the Food and Drug Administration also warns about the potential hazards of eating decorative glitters. It says bakers should check the labels of decorative products used on foods, which are required to have a list of ingredients.

The agency noted that the glitters can be sold under names including disco dust, twinkle dust, shimmer powder and petal dust.



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## CELEBRITIES

## Burton 'thrilled' to host new show

From news services

LeVar Burton has been tapped to host a game show, and no, it's not "Jeopardy!"

Hasbro's Entertainment One and LeVar Burton Entertainment are developing a new competition program called "Trivial Pursuit," based on the classic board game of the same name, Entertainment One announced Tuesday. In addition to hosting, the actor will executive produce the series.

"Trivial Pursuit is one of the best known brands in the gaming universe," Burton said in a statement. "I am thrilled to have partnered with Hasbro and eOne to bring this beloved game to market as a premium show for television."

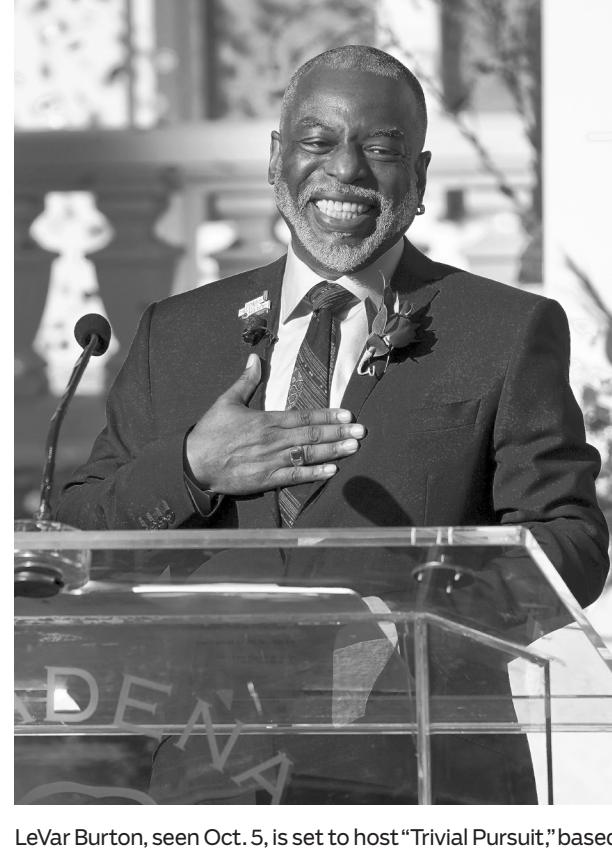
Also in the Entertainment One content pipeline are TV shows based on Clue and Risk, as well as a movie inspired by Dungeons & Dragons.

The casting announcement comes months after the former "Reading Rainbow" host and "Roots" alum emerged as a fan-favorite guest host of "Jeopardy!"

**'Harry Potter' reunion special in works:** HBO Max announced Tuesday that "Harry Potter" stars Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson will stage a rare reunion next year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first film in the blockbuster franchise, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," which came out in November 2001.

Streaming New Year's Day, HBO Max's "Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts" will see the golden trio reunite for the first time since the final "Harry Potter" movie premiered in 2011, according to a spokesperson for HBO Max.

For a decade, Radcliffe,



LeVar Burton, seen Oct. 5, is set to host "Trivial Pursuit," based on the board game of the same name. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

Grint and Watson played Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, respectively, in the fantasy film series based on the seminal books of the same name.

Other "Harry Potter" alumni returning for the HBO Max special include Helena Bonham Carter (Bellatrix Lestrange), Robbie Coltrane (Rubeus Hagrid), Ralph Fiennes (Lord Voldemort), Jason Isaacs (Lucius Malfoy), Gary Oldman (Sirius Black) and Imelda Staunton (Dolores Umbridge).

The HBO Max special will feature interviews with cast members reflecting on the making of the beloved cinematic saga.

**Actor Freeman dies:** Actor Heath Freeman, 41, who was best known for playing the first serial killer on "Bones," has died.

"A brilliant human being with an intense and soulful

spirit, he leaves us with an indelible imprint in our hearts," his manager, Joe Montefiore, said. He did not have any further details, including a cause of death.

Freeman began his career on "ER," then had appearances on shows including "Tru Calling" and "NCIS" before being hired on the Fox procedural "Bones," on which he played Howard Epps.

Freeman later had roles in "The Closer," "Raising the Bar" and "12 Mighty Orphans."

**Nov. 18 birthdays:** Actor Brenda Vaccaro is 82. Actor Linda Evans is 79. Actor Delroy Lindo is 69. Comedian Kevin Nealon is 68. Actor Oscar Nunez is 63. Actor Owen Wilson is 53. Actor Mike Epps is 51. Actor Mekia Cox is 40. Actor Nasim Pedrad is 40. Singer TJ Osborne is 37. Designer Christian Siriano is 36.



## ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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## Aunt triggered by trans teenager's trauma

**Dear Amy:** Last year one of my sister's children came out to me as trans.

"S" asked to stay with me because of the trauma of being around their mostly conservative and media-literate family.

S has been living with my husband and me for a year.

In many ways having S stay with us has been an amazing opportunity for growth, but I continually run afoul of them by talking about commonalities in our experiences.

They make assumptions and rebuff me when I try to communicate about my own experiences.

I find this incredibly hurtful.

I get that I do not understand what it is to be trans, but I do understand various other aspects of trauma, and want to talk about it.

I know I need to be "the adult" in the situation, but it's painful when they don't accept my experiences as valid.

I have a hard time with confrontation and S flips out if they are ever put in the position of being in the wrong.

My husband and I are prioritizing them over just about everything else.

We have invested so much in trying to get S to a stable and healthy place, but interactions often leave me feeling regressed to previous levels of self-doubt and frustration.

I am trying to treat S the way I would want to be treated.

How do I get through to S that I need to be treated the same?

— *Uncertain Aunt*

**Dear Uncertain:** First of

all — thank you for being a hero to this young person. What you are doing is huge.

I'm assuming that you don't have other children/teens in your life, because if you were a more seasoned parent, you would understand that much of what you are experiencing is fairly typical behavior of an older teen.

You are expecting to have a series of rich and rewarding dialogues with "S," where you relate to them by sharing your own experiences, and where you both benefit from a deep and enlightening relationship.

But a typical 18-year-old mainly wants to narrate their own life. When they talk (and it's great when they talk), they're monologuing more than dialoguing. People at this age are at the cusp of emerging fully in the world, and before they go, they want to get their story straight. This helps them settle into their identity, while they're still safe and taken care of.

This would be especially important to a trans person.

You and your husband should continue to provide a loving, safe and stable home. Listen with patience and compassion, without insisting that S should relate to you on your level.

You two adults should take care of your own relationship and gradually loosen the strings, so S has the experience of emerging with a degree of independence — while still experiencing your home as a safe place where they are loved and accepted.

It was so obvious!

— *Disappointed*

**Dear Dad:** The glib answer is: If you don't like him, then you shouldn't date him. This response is a reminder that your daughter is the primary actor in this drama. You have a walk-on role. Go easy.

If you use a scale of 10 to judge people, let this young person start out with a score of seven. No matter what, he gets a seven, because your daughter has chosen him.

Don't grill him. Don't test him. Understand that he will be nervous.

Afterward, do not make any negative comments about him to your daughter. Withhold judgment.

**Dear Amy:** I can't believe that you neglected to tell "Teacher in a Quandary" that she should consult the school's yearbooks to try to identify a child who left a valuable collection in her classroom.

It was so obvious!

— *Disappointed*

**Dear Disappointed:** I agree that checking yearbooks is obvious. That's why I didn't suggest it.

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## TV REVIEW

## A fascinating mind at work in 2nd season of Goldblum show

By Joshua Axelrod

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Very few celebrities can combine their public persona with their craft in a way that makes for genuinely interesting art. Of course, there is no one on this planet quite like Jeff Goldblum.

At this point, it doesn't really matter if the man we all perceive the actor to be is really him or a carefully cultivated bit. The version of the "Jurassic Park" and "Independence Day" star we've gotten over the last decade-plus is a guy people seem genuinely fascinated by regardless of what he's doing. That's no easy feat in our oversaturated media environment, but Goldblum manages to pull it off.

It's the only way to explain why "The World According to Jeff Goldblum" exists and why Disney+ and National Geographic opted to make a second season of it, which is now streaming.

The show's whole premise is Goldblum exploring the things he wants to learn more about in the most Goldblum ways possible.

It runs on his sheer force of personality and endless curiosity about everyone and everything.

Disney+ provided the first five episodes of the second season. Each delves into a specific subject that Goldblum picks apart to determine what about it makes humans care so much.

Unsurprisingly, your enjoyment of "The World According to Jeff Goldblum" will correlate directly to how much unfiltered Goldblum you can take.

Last season took on such disparate topics as sneakers, tattoos, gaming, coffee and pools. He starts off season two with five equally random subjects:



Jeff Goldblum holds an Intel drone in "The World According to Jeff Goldblum." **JUSTIN KOENEN/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

dogs, dance, magic, monsters and fireworks. Some are more entertaining than others, but all succeed at being quintessentially Goldblum.

endeavors, which is probably what most viewers will be tuning in for anyway.

Most of the action involves Goldblum finding experts to discuss these subjects and demonstrating some of his own theories on why people are so into them. The experts generally seem to be based in either Atlanta or California, which could be the result of pandemic-related travel restraints. Either way, the locations don't seem to be quite as diverse as last season's, at least not yet.

There's also a bit of his personal life sprinkled in — occasional photos and videos of a young Goldblum, his siblings and his parents. We also get to see newer members of his family up close via short interactions with his wife, Emilie, their two sons and their dog, Woody.

Again, how much you enjoy the show depends fully on how much you want to see what else Goldblum has up his immaculately decorated sleeve.

If his wealth of charisma and, well, Goldblumness is your thing, there is a lot to engage with — and maybe learn from — in "The World According to Jeff Goldblum."

The main draw here is

Goldblum, who is decked out in wild outfits that don't always fit the situation but certainly add a layer of whimsy to even the heavier themes. Goldblum's eyes are always wide and, even when he is skeptical, he mostly manages to maintain a "wow, isn't this neat" demeanor.

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That doesn't mean the show is skimping on fun guests or production values, though. Each episode contains an animated sequence or two that Goldblum narrates to explain how he and most other people view each topic. They're all as zany and weirdly informative as he is.

Where to watch: Disney+

## HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** You have a desire to form a beneficial alliance with someone who captivates your imagination. Friends could be dismayed by your preoccupation with this dream, perhaps feeling jealous of the attention given to your new goals.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):**

Charisma pours from you today. You might be able to use your velvet voice to encourage someone to help you out if you're in need of any kind of support. Put work matters in the back seat and focus on your personal desires and having fun with your favorite people.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):**

Concentrating on details should be easier than usual right now. Look for ways to combine contrasting elements in your projects to achieve a truly captivating result. If you're already happy in your career role, consider trying a new medium. Add more tools to your kit.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):**

An air of nostalgia could have you looking back fondly on the past. Exploring a new environment or foreign land might be particularly fun to daydream about. Learning about a different culture online, through books, or by talking to others could inspire you in incredible ways.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On Nov. 18, 1963:** the Bell System introduced the first commercial touch-tone telephone system.

**In 1976:** Spain's parliament approved a bill to establish a democracy.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** The urge to set down roots could be very powerful right now. If you've been longing to move, this is a wonderful time. Having a space to retreat and recharge can help to create more stability in your life overall. You never know what you might find off the beaten path.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

You feel an uncontrollable pull to dive deep into a rabbit hole. Look further into something you learned about recently, and don't be afraid to get completely wrapped up in the topic. A trip to the library may be a great way to spend the day. Keep following this trail.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

Even if it's different from anything you've had before, don't let a valuable opportunity slip away. If you end up with a little mad money, consider spending it on something that you love, even if someone else thinks it's frivolous. No one else gets to decide how you enjoy yourself.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**

Joyous opportunities pop up at every turn today! Don't be surprised if someone invites you to join them on a last-minute getaway. You'll be inspired to create something beautiful and mysterious! You might even develop a new friendship with someone who has similar artistic inspirations to you.

**In 1978:** U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan and four others were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

**In 2003:** the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that the state constitution guaranteed gay couples the right to marry.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Working solo may be particularly rewarding at the moment. Everyone needs to recharge on their own sometimes. If you're too tired to attend a party or work gathering, it's OK to cancel. Your health is more important than pleasing others. Take care of your body.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

You could get a lot of joy right now by collaborating on a project with people who share your interests. It'll be a huge relief to feel a sense of belonging. Let your uniqueness guide you toward a new community where you can celebrate each other together.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

Your skills may be greatly appreciated in a professional field. Your naturally innovative approach may encounter resistance from some people, but trust that you know what you're doing — having confidence in yourself tends to make others confident in you, too.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):**

Talking with someone from a background very different than yours could give you a better perspective. What seemed like a difficult personal problem might suddenly feel like an advantage. Immerse yourself in joy rather than sorrow. Living in a state of hope tends to bring more blessings your way.

**In 2004:** former President Bill Clinton's library opened in Arkansas.

**In 2009:** Robert C. Byrd set a record for longest-serving lawmaker in congressional history at 56 years, 320 days.

**In 2013:** Toronto's city council voted to strip scandal-plagued Mayor Rob Ford of many of his powers following a heated debate.

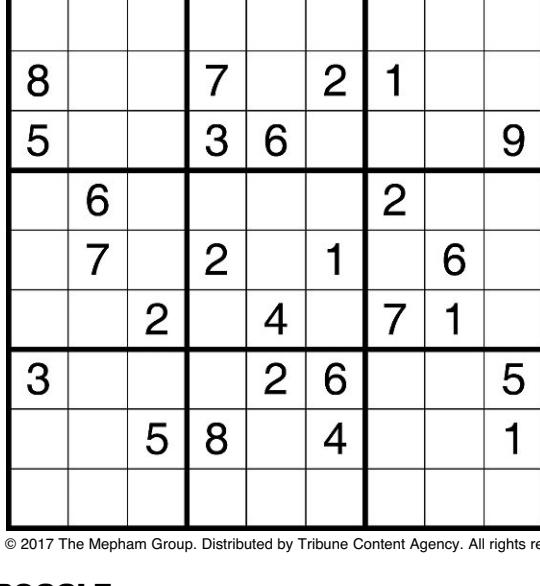
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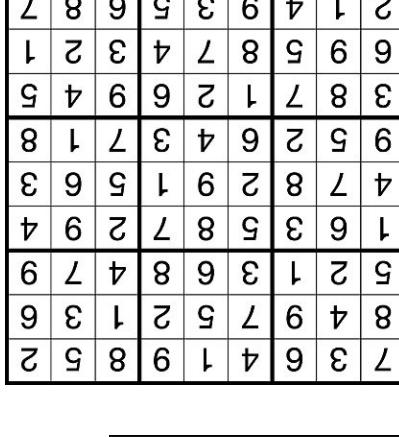
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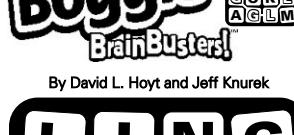
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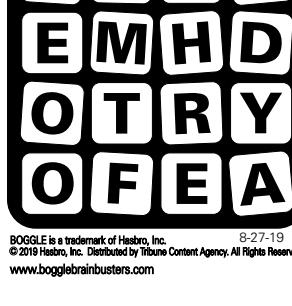
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## BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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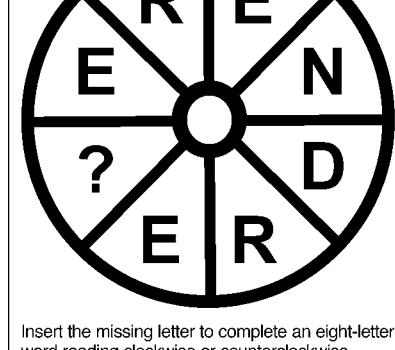
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7 letters = 5 points 21-30 = Rocker  
8 letters = 6 points 11-20 = Amateur  
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INCH MILE FOOT YARD METER

## WordWheel

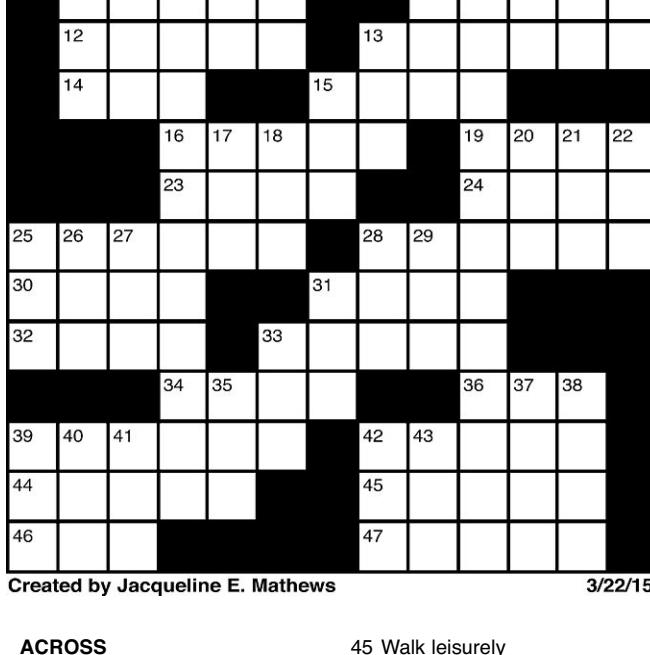


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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## TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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### ACROSS

- 1 Spencer of "Chicago Fire"
- 6 "About You"
- 9 To no \_\_\_, fruitlessly
- 10 \_\_\_ remark; indirect insult
- 12 Singer Helen \_\_\_,
- 13 "Place"; primetime soap opera of the 1960s
- 14 Larka
- 15 Actress Catherine \_\_\_-Jones
- 16 \_\_\_, Indiana"; short-lived Omri Katz drama series
- 19 Breakfast, lunch or dinner
- 23 Applaud
- 24 Neuwirth; Lilith's portrayer
- 25 Like a teen's heartthrob
- 28 "The Fresh \_\_\_ of Bel-Air"
- 30 "My Name Is \_\_\_"
- 31 Martin or Cain
- 32 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
- 33 Actor Lee Miller
- 34 Throat-clearer's utterance
- 36 "Am I right or \_\_\_ right?"
- 39 William Conrad detective series
- 42 "Good \_\_\_"; Esther Rolle sitcom
- 44 "Just \_\_\_ Me"

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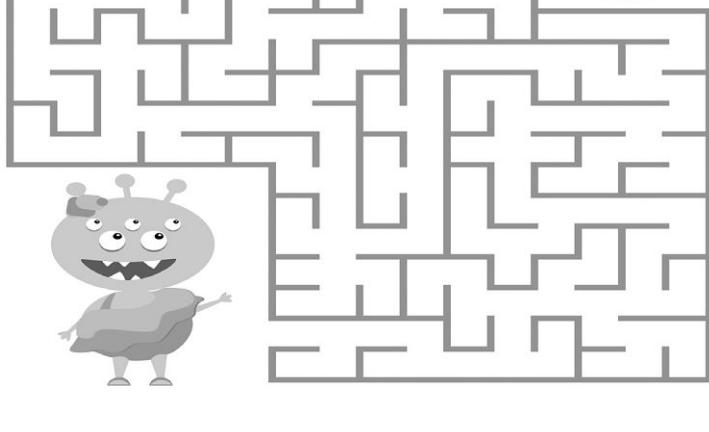
- 1 Glass containers
- 2 "Unhappily \_\_\_ After"
- 3 Actress on "Mom"
- 4 Comic actor \_\_\_ Caesar
- 5 Tarzan portrayer Ron \_\_\_,
- 6 Cambridge inst.
- 7 "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 8 Group of cub scouts
- 10 "The TV \_\_\_"; movie for David Duchovny & Sigourney Weaver
- 11 Samuel's portrayer on "Mike & Molly"
- 13 "\_\_\_-Wee's Big Adventure"; Paul Reubens movie
- 15 code; part of an address
- 17 "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"
- 18 Frank and Marie Barone's younger son
- 20 Suffix for eight or velvet
- 21 "\_\_\_ World News Tonight with David Muir"
- 22 Bruce or Brandon
- 23 Carter or Clinton: abbr.
- 26 "Norma \_\_\_"; Sally Field movie
- 27 Goof
- 28 Writing instrument
- 29 Galloped
- 31 Actor DeLuise
- 33 Bill's wife on "The Little Couple"
- 35 \_\_\_ in Cleveland"
- 37 Diner where Alice worked
- 38 "\_\_\_-You.Com"; Beau Bridges movie
- 39 Series for Eric Szmanda
- 40 Cry of discovery
- 41 Prefix for profit or fat
- 42 Street paver's goo
- 43 "\_\_\_ Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!"



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## KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES

### MAZE GAME



## WORD SEARCH

### ANIMAL ABC

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off as you find them.



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## JUMBLE

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TO TEACH SUBTRACTION, THE TEACHER HAD A —

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Ans. " —" here: " —" —

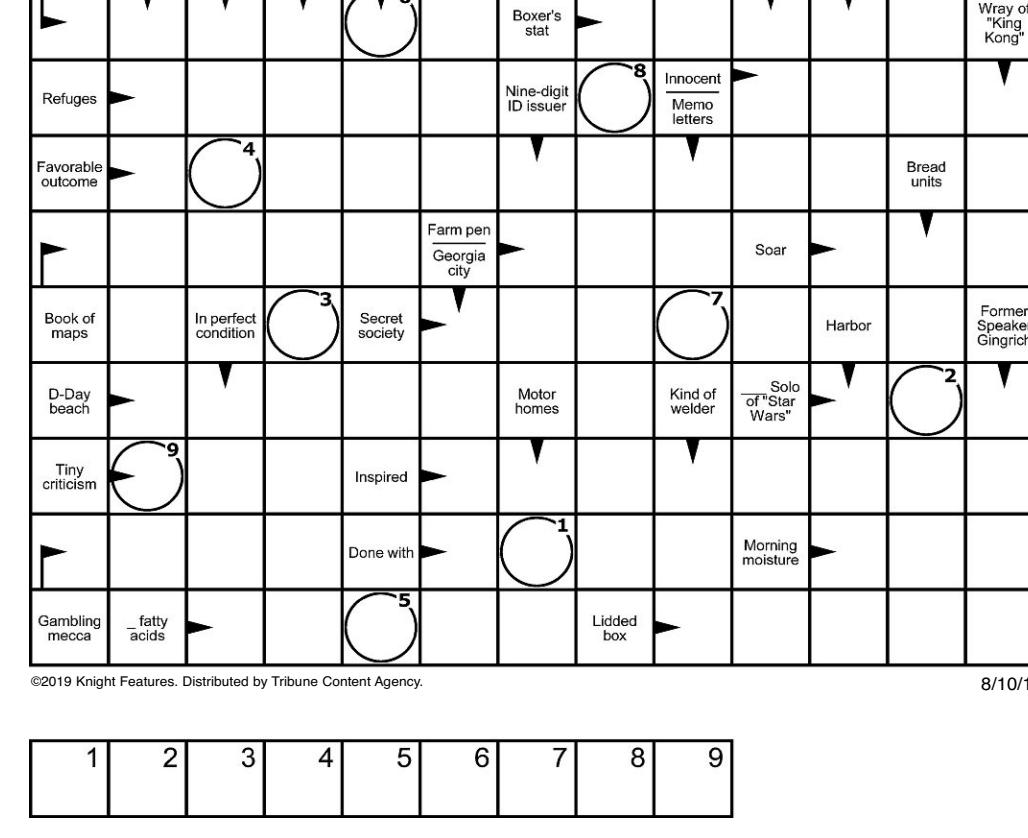
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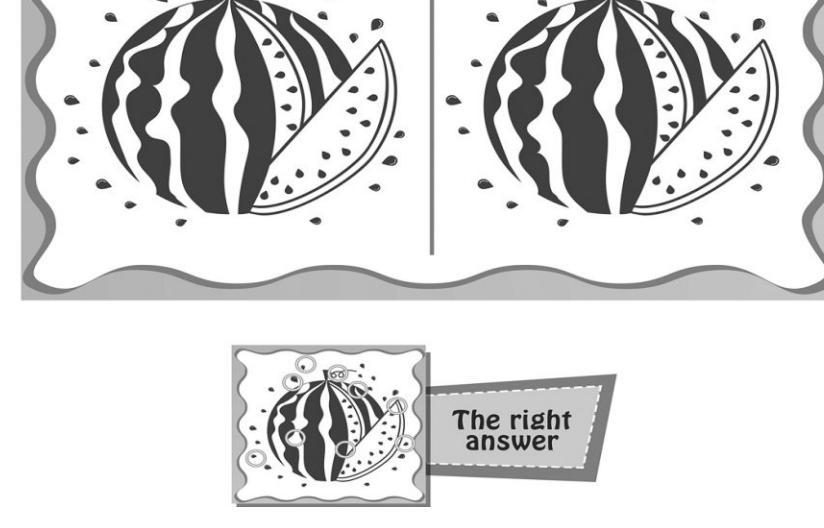
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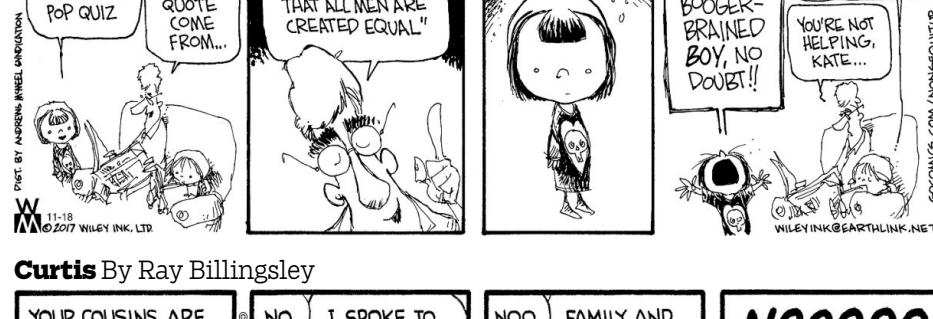
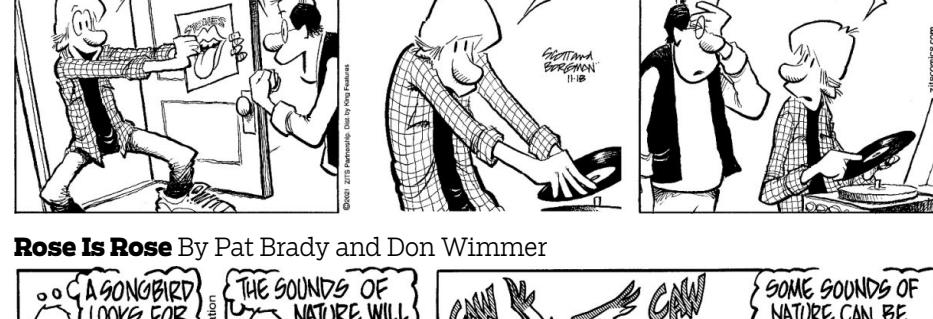
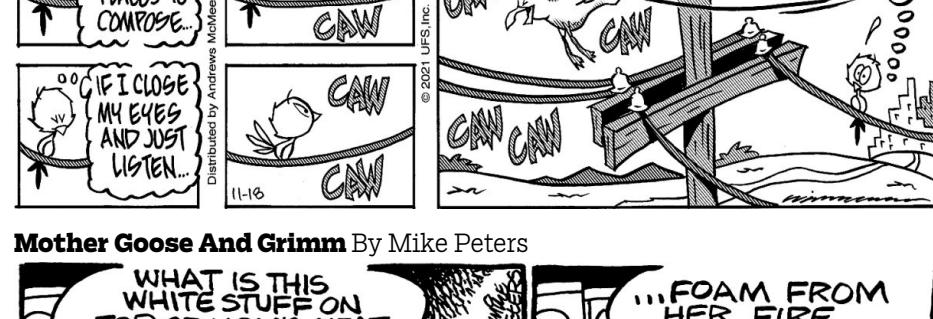
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The right answer



**For Better Or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston**B.C.** By Hart**Beetle Bailey** by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker**Hi & Lois** By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne**Hagar The Horrible** By Chris Browne**Non Sequitur** By Wiley Miller**Curtis** By Ray Billingsley**Pickles** By Brian Crane**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer**Mother Goose And Grimm** By Mike Peters**CROSSWORD**

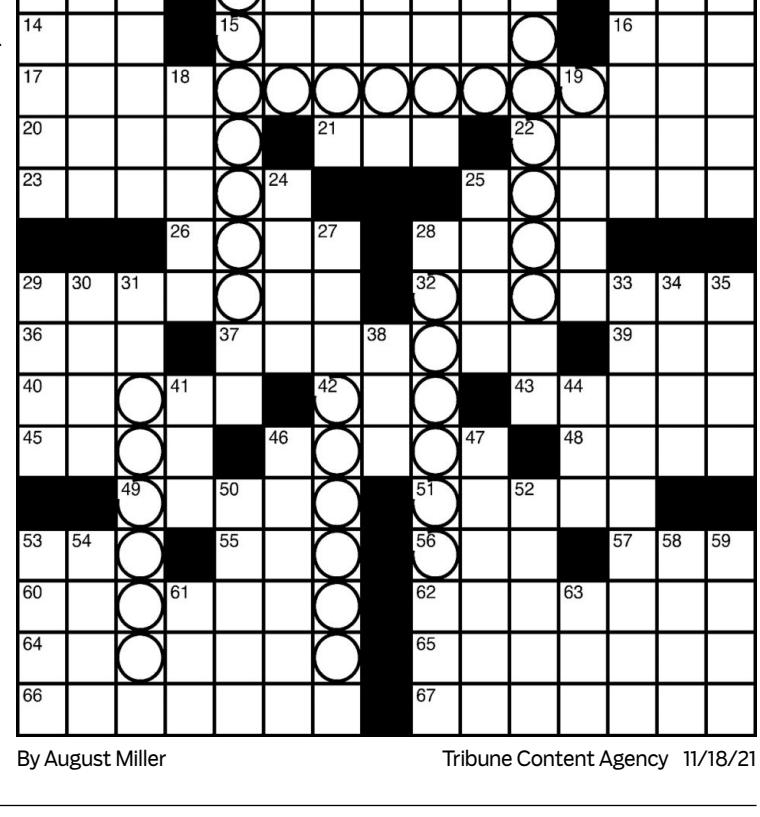
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and dads  
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22 Lena Dunham  
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**Down**

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**BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.**NORTH**

♦ J 8 5 3  
♥ K J 8 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ A Q 7

**WEST**

♠ —  
♦ 10 7 4 3  
♦ J 10 9 7  
♣ J 9 6 5 3

**EAST**

♠ Q 10 9 6  
♦ 9 5  
♦ Q 8 6 5 2  
♣ 4 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 7 4 2  
♥ A Q 6  
♦ A 3  
♣ K 10 8

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

**What can defeat me?**

A surprisingly large number of players show a lack of respect for safety plays. What is particularly annoying about this attitude is that their casual disrespect usually doesn't cost them a blessed farthing because the remote situation that they should be trying to protect against seldom occurs.

However, lightning sometimes does strike, and when that happens, these players often wind up bemoaning their fate. For example, consider this deal where South gets to six spades and sees — or should see — that the only way the slam can be lost is if he loses two trump tricks. So, instead of dismissing this "remote" possibility, South should instead concentrate all his thoughts on how to overcome a 4-0 trump division, if that unlikely distribution happens to exist.

Accordingly, he should win the diamond lead in dummy and return a low trump. When East follows with the six, South should play the seven, being perfectly

willing to lose the trick to the nine, ten or queen in order to assure the slam beyond the shadow of a doubt.

In the actual deal, the safety play pays off, and South avoids going down one. Playing the ace on the first trump lead would be correct if East produced the nine, ten or queen at trick two, or if East showed out on the first trump lead. In all of these cases, South could then limit himself to either one trump loser or none with proper play. (In the actual case, if East played the nine or ten, South would next lead a spade to the jack and later finesse against East to hold himself to one trump loser.)

This frame of mind — where declarer hopes for the best but prepares for the worst — is often crucial to achieving a favorable result. There is no good reason to incur an unfavorable outcome that could have been avoided.

Tomorrow: Test your defensive play.

**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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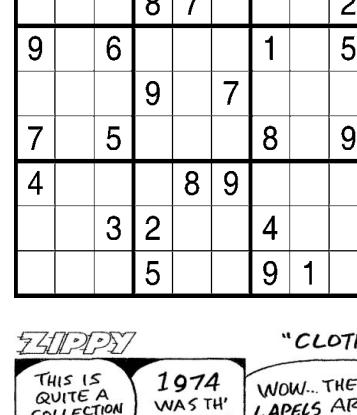
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DAN THOMPSON  
creator of RIP HAYWIRE

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suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumble: SUEDE SHAKY THIRST EMERGE

Answer: When Curtis thought twice about not getting a roast beef sandwich, he knew it was a — MISSED STEAK

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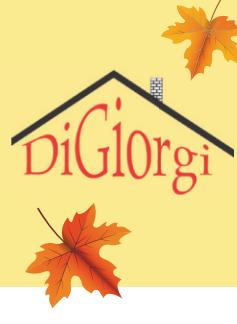
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**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

# Simsbury defeats Bristol Eastern in Class L semis

**By Lori Riley**

Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — The last time the Simsbury and Bristol Eastern high school volleyball teams played each other, it was for the CCC tournament championship and Bristol Eastern won.

"After we lost in the CCC, there were a lot of tears," Simsbury coach Brian Leblanc said. "They wanted that one bad. The first thing I said to them is, 'It's OK, we're going to get to see them again.'

He was right. The two teams met again Wednesday night in the Class L semifinal and this time, it was 11th seeded Simsbury who came out on top, defeating No. 10 Bristol

Eastern 3-0 (28-26, 25-20, 25-15) at Northwest Catholic.

Simsbury (21-5) will play in the state championship game for the first time since 1972, when volleyball was contested in the winter, not the fall, and there was only one championship (Simsbury lost to Farmington that year).

The Trojans will face RHAM, which defeated North Haven in the other semifinal Wednesday, 3-0, for the Class L title on Saturday at 4 p.m. at East Haven High. RHAM is heading back to the finals for the first time since 2017, when the Raptors won their seventh state championship. Saturday will be their 11th trip to the finals.

"I can't even explain it - it feels so

good," said Simsbury junior middle hitter Faye Kaplinski, who had six kills and two blocks. "It was everything we've worked for. It was a whole team effort and we're ready to keep kicking butt."

"I really thought we were going to five [sets]. I thought it was going to be close. Last time, at the end [of the CCC final], they started pounding us a little bit. We were definitely thinking about last time and what went wrong and how we could fix it."

The two teams didn't play each other in the regular season but ended up in the CCC tournament final, which Bristol Eastern won

**Turn to Volleyball, Page 4**



Simsbury's Megan Candito lines up Wednesday in the Class L state semifinal match between Simsbury and Bristol Eastern at Northwest Catholic High School. STAN GODLEWSKI/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

**PATRIOTS**

## Game vs. Falcons brings back memories of 28-3

**By Paul Newberry**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tom Brady has moved on to win a seventh championship at Tampa Bay.

Only a handful of Atlanta players remain from that fateful night in Houston.

Yet memories of the greatest comeback — and flop — in Super Bowl history still linger, especially when the Falcons are facing the New England Patriots.

The teams meet Thursday night at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, exactly 1,747 days since the Brady-led Patriots rallied from a 28-3 deficit to beat the Falcons 34-28 in overtime at the 51st Super Bowl.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan, one of only a handful of players left from the team that couldn't hold a 25-point lead, said he's long since put that miserable evening in the rearview mirror.

"I'm not worried about what happened in the winter of 2017," he said. "You can't go back and win that game."

Brady captured one more championship with the Patriots — at a Super Bowl played in Atlanta, no less — before signing in 2020 with the Buccaneers, who face the Falcons twice a year as a divisional rival.

Rubbing a bit more salt in the wound, Brady has won three more games against Atlanta with his new team.

None of that matters to Ryan, who is more concerned about these Falcons (4-5) and how poorly he played in an ugly 43-23 loss to the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday.

Nothing that happens Thursday night will have any impact on that Super Bowl from five seasons ago.

"You have to move on from it and try to do everything we can to get ourselves back to .500," Ryan said. "I really don't think it exorcises any demons or anything like that. That game is over and has been played."

After missing the playoffs last season, the Patriots finally seem to have found their footing in the post-Brady era behind rookie quarterback Mac Jones.

**Turn to Patriots, Page 2**

**UConn 93, LIU 40**

Connecticut's Andre Jackson, left, attempts to drive to the basket against LIU's Quion Burns during the first half Wednesday in Storrs. PAUL CONNORS/AP

## This is the Andre Jackson the Huskies have been waiting for

**Dom Amore**

show up again and again.

On a night when several of UConn's components were short-circuiting at the start, Jackson kept the Huskies close for the first 10 minutes, then helped them pull away from LIU, 93-40.

"That's how I have to play every day," Jackson said. "I've got to learn to be the same guy every day and not

have days when I'm lackadaisical and not aggressive. Coach liked the energy I played with, every day I'm going to try to bring that."

Jackson scored 14 points, on 5-for-7 shooting, with five rebounds, an assist, two steals and three blocks, one on an alley-oop pass, not something you see from a 6-foot-6 wing very often.

Three games, three fairly easy victories for the UConn men, but each has offered its own set of data on how this could be a special season. The first game was the Adama Sanogo show vs. Central Connecticut, the second brought the off-the-bench breakthroughs from Akok Akok and Jalen Gaffney as Jackson couldn't manage a field goal.

This game brought the defense Hurley has been anticipating would bottle up Sanogo, who got into foul trouble and managed 11 points. Jackson scored in double figures for the first time as a Husky

**Turn to Amore, Page 4**

## Jackson, Polley propel unbeaten UConn over LIU

**Shreyas Ladda**

Hartford Courant

In a night where nothing seemed to go right in the beginning for UConn men's basketball, it was Andre Jackson and Tyler Polley who answered the call.

Their presence was felt all over the floor in the UConn men's basketball team's 93-40 victory over LIU on Wednesday at Gampel Pavilion.

Jackson finished with an impressive stat line of 14 points, five rebounds, three blocks and two steals in just 26 minutes. Polley added 18 points on 6-for-12 shooting, including 11 points in the second half.

When UConn (3-0) struggled to score in the first 15 minutes of the first half, it was Jackson's steady presence that helped them hold the lead with his hot shooting, 3-for-4 start for eight points.

After Jackson cooled off in the second half, Polley helped the game become

UConn's stellar defense also kept them in the game early, forcing 11 turnovers and five blocks in the first half, including two blocks from Jackson.

In the last 5 minutes, 11 seconds of the first half, UConn went on a 17-6 run that gave it a 38-22 lead at the break. LIU surpassed UConn's first-half point total (38) with 1:51 in the second half.

Coming off an ankle injury, freshman Jordan Hawkins made his season debut in the second half. He made his first basket of the season with 6:26 left in the game and finished with five points on 1-for-4 shooting.

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**Jets:** Dolphins, Sunday, 1 p.m.

**UConn MBB:** Binghamton (XL Center), Saturday, noon; vs. Auburn (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.; vs. TBA (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 25, time TBA

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**Celtics:** Lakers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Thunder, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Rockets, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

**Knicks:** Rockets, Saturday, 5 p.m.; at Bulls, Sunday, 8 p.m.; Lakers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Nets:** Magic, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Celtics, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**UConn hockey:** at UMass Lowell, Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; UMass Lowell, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Colgate, Nov. 27, 4 p.m.

**Bruins:** at Flyers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Flames, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Sabres, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Rangers:** at Maple Leafs, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Sabres, Sunday, 6 p.m.; at Islanders, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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**BASKETBALL**

**12 p.m.:** Myrtle Beach Invitational -- Davidson at New Mexico State. (Live) ESPNNU

**2 p.m.:** Charleston Classic -- St. Bonaventure at Boise State. (Live) ESPN2

**3 p.m.:** Green Bay at UNC-Greensboro. (Live) CBSSN

**4:30 p.m.:** BYU at Oregon. (Taped) ESPNU

**5:30 p.m.:** Massachusetts at Weber State. (Live) CBSSN

**6 p.m.:** Womens College Florida Atlantic at Miami. (Live) ACC

**6:30 p.m.:** Ohio State at Xavier. (Live) FS1

**7 p.m.:** Womens College Tennessee Tech at Vanderbilt. (Live) SEC

**7 p.m.:** Charleston Classic -- Marquette at Ole Miss. (Live) ESPN2

**7 p.m.:** Myrtle Beach Invitational -- Oklahoma at East Carolina. (Live) ESPN2

**8 p.m.:** St. Francis (Pa.) at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC

**8 p.m.:** Ball State at Florida International. (Live) CBSSN

**8:30 p.m.:** Rutgers at DePaul. (Live) FS1

**9 p.m.:** Philadelphia 76ers at Denver Nuggets. (Live) NBA

**10:30 p.m.:** Arizona State at San Diego State. (Live) CBSSN

**FOOTBALL**

**12 p.m.:** Samford at Florida. (Taped) SEC

**7:30 p.m.:** Louisville at Duke. (Live) ESPN

**8 p.m.:** New England Patriots at Atlanta Falcons. (Live) FOX

**8:20 p.m.:** New England Patriots at Atlanta Falcons. (Live) NFL

**GOLF**

**12 p.m.:** RSM Classic, First Round. (Live) GOLF

**3 p.m.:** CME Group Tour Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF

**2 a.m.:** DP World Tour Championship, Second Round. (Live) GOLF

**HOCKEY**

**12 p.m.:** Washington Capitals at Los Angeles Kings. (Taped) NHL

**2 p.m.:** Chicago Blackhawks at Seattle Kraken. (Taped) NHL

**7 p.m.:** Tampa Bay Lightning at Philadelphia Flyers. (Live) SPRTNET

**7 p.m.:** New York Rangers at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live), MSG.

**10 p.m.:** Detroit Red Wings at Vegas Golden Knights. (Live) SPRTNET

**METS**

# Eppler expected to be introduced as next GM

**By Deesha Thosar**  
New York Daily News



NEW YORK — After a lengthy search for a top executive, the Mets expect to formally introduce Billy Eppler as their next GM this week, according to a team source. The club is still finalizing the details of his impending contract and it anticipates wrapping up that process in the coming days. News broke late Monday night that Eppler accepted the Mets' GM offer.

The Mets, led by second-year owner Steve Cohen and team president Sandy Alderson, need stability in their front office after years of continuous turnover. They club has shuffled through five GMs since 2018 — shift-

ing from Alderson, followed by a triumvirate of interim execs in John Ricco, Omar Minaya and J.P. Ricciardi, then Brodie Van Wagenen, followed by Jared Porter and Zack Scott, then back to Alderson.

While Eppler has the experience and acumen to potentially provide that stability, the Mets are also counting on him to have more success in Queens than he had with the Angels.

Eppler, 46, served as the Angels GM from 2015-20 and oversaw losing seasons in all five years. He failed to

take an Angels roster that featured Mike Trout, Shohei Ohtani, Anthony Rendon and others to the playoffs, and he was dismissed by owner Arte Moreno after the 2020 season. Mainly, Eppler struggled to sign top-tier starting pitchers and did not do enough to bolster the Angels' pitching staff across his years on the West Coast.

The California native came to UConn and played baseball before graduating with a degree in finance in 1998.

This offseason Eppler will get another crack at improving a starting rotation, an unstable Mets unit that became even more precarious after Noah Syndergaard left and signed a one-year deal with the Angels, of all

teams, worth \$21 million. The Angels need Syndergaard's help after Eppler's failed effort to bolster that department. The Mets rotation, which features the unknown health status of Jacob deGrom and the questionable longevity of Taijuan Walker, among other issues, will require the addition of at least two starting pitchers before the 2022 season. Can Eppler be counted on to make necessary improvements to the Mets' pitching staff, given his track record with the Angels?

He'll certainly have the runway, albeit a potentially short runway, to make the most of his opportunity in Flushing. The minor detail that could shorten Eppler's time at the Mets is Cohen's

apparent desire to land his white whale.

The Mets reportedly still have their sights set on yanking David Stearns away from the Brewers next offseason. Cohen and Alderson are apparently operating with the belief that Stearns, Milwaukee's president of baseball operations, will no longer be under contract after the 2022 season, which would free up the Mets to at least set up a formal interview. Last month, the Brewers denied Stearns the permission to interview with the Mets for the second straight offseason. The Athletic reported that Stearns, who grew up a Mets fan, has serious interest in joining their brass as the chief of operations.

**YANKEES**

# Yanks prefer to sign stopgap at shortstop, sources say

**By Matthew Roberson**  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The MLB offseason has been dominated by speculation.

Speculation about the impending lockout, speculation about labor issues affecting free agency signings, and especially, speculation about where the top shortstops on the market will land. Carlos Correa and Corey Seager, the two biggest and brightest stars at the position, are both available, and Seager is repped by agent Scott Boras, a legendary paper chaser. Both Correa and Seager are likely to demand \$300 million contracts.

It appears the Yankees will not be the team to hand out that deal, multiple industry sources have told the Daily News.

Boras would love to keep the Yankees, baseball's historically greatest spender, in the mix for his two biggest clients, Seager and Marcus Semien. But sources have told The News that the Yankees don't want to commit that much money to a shortstop. With rising shortstop prospects Anthony Volpe (a 20-year-old who just tore up High-A) and Oswald Peraza (who dominated every level of the minors before reaching Triple-A last year) being groomed to eventually

take over the position, the Yankees are expected to turn their attention elsewhere.

Sources have indicated that when it comes to Correa in particular, he will not settle for anything less than the \$341 million figure that Francisco Lindor got from the Mets. Using that as a benchmark, the Yankees are expected to be out. Hal Steinbrenner already doled out a \$324 million deal to Gerrit Cole and is on the hook for at least six more years of Giancarlo Stanton's monstrous contract, not to mention however much money they may offer Aaron Judge to sign a long-term pact.

With the need to put

money aside to invest in Judge, the Yankees are apparently comfortable going with a stopgap defensive shortstop while they wait for Volpe and Peraza to reach the majors. In his virtual media session on Tuesday, manager Aaron Boone specifically mentioned Peraza by name as someone who is "knocking on the door," and sources have expressed the very real possibility that we see one of the two youngsters wearing pinstripes at some point next year.

"We have two future, long-term impact big-league players," Boone said of the team's top two minor league players. "We're obviously very excited about those players

and believe that they are real. That certainly always factors into any decision that the organization and [Brian Cashman] make on trades or free agent acquisitions."

Hoping that one of the top prospects can be their everyday shortstop by 2023, sources say the team will check in about one-year deals for Andrelton Simmons or Jose Iglesias, both free agents whose gloves have given them long careers. Gleyber Torres' days as a shortstop are over, mainly because of how poor his defense was in 2021, so adding a defense-first player like Simmons or Iglesias would solve that problem in the short term.

**JETS**

# Flacco to start against Dolphins with Wilson still out

**By Dj Bien-Aime II**  
New York Daily News

injury in a Week 7 loss to the Patriots. He was replaced by White, who started Gang Green's last three games.

White led a shocking upset over the Bengals in his first career NFL start by throwing for 405 yards with three touchdowns. Then he hurt his forearm against the Colts after tossing a touchdown pass to Elijah Moore and was ruled out.

There was a chance if White continued to play well he could continue starting, even if Wilson was healthy. But that opportunity vanished as he tossed four interceptions in a 45-17 loss to the Bills.

Now the Jets are rolling with a former Super Bowl

MVP on his second stint with the Jets. After Wilson went down, they traded for Flacco on Oct. 25, sending a sixth-round draft pick to the Eagles.

Under Adam Gase, Flacco started four games last year when Sam Darnold was injured, throwing for 864 yards with six touchdowns and three interceptions.

He went winless in his four starts.

Flacco — who revealed Wednesday that he is unvaccinated against COVID-19 — saw action in the loss to Buffalo after White got the wind knocked out of him. He completed all three of his passes for 47 yards and a touchdown.

Saleh's reasoning for starting Flacco centered around having a veteran quarterback who has seen the aggressive blitzing style of the Dolphins.

"Miami's got a dynamic coverage system as it pertains to defense with zero and all the different coverages they run," Saleh said. "And Joe's kind of been there, done that, and [he is] just kind of a steady experience that we felt would put us in the best position."

The Dolphins lead the NFL with defensive blitzes on 39.7% of snaps and have totaled 123 quarterback pressures, the second-best total in the league.

With a secondary led by former All-Pro cornerback

Xavien Howard, cornerback Byron Jones and safety Jevon Holland, the Dolphins are confident leaving their defensive backs alone.

"They're not afraid to put everybody at the line of scrimmage and leave the strength of their defense, their secondary, out on islands," Flacco said. "They're going to get some pressure on the quarterback. The guy's going to have to get the ball out of his hands quickly. It limits your offense to a certain extent."

Flacco started against that defensive scheme last year on Oct. 18 as the Jets lost 24-0. He went 21-for-44 for 186 yards with an interception and took three sacks.

**GIANTS**

# Thomas: Wilson 'definitely has his head on straight'

**By Pat Leonard**  
New York Daily News

couple talks because a lot of our scheme at Georgia was pretty similar. So just translating the terms was the biggest thing for him, and he's learning pretty well."

Thomas also said Wilson, who played right tackle at Georgia, is adjusting to his move inside to guard with the Giants.

"Moving him inside, playing a little bit more guard, he played tackle in college, so we'll see how he does with that," Thomas said.

Wilson, 22, is a developmental project for the Giants. He is working on losing weight and getting in football shape, which will take time. He is not expected to be

a factor this season, although coach Joe Judge didn't rule that out last week.

"I think we have long term plans for this guy in terms of where we see this guy being able to help in the future," Judge said after a developmental bye week practice. "However, in terms of this year, he's made a lot of progress and if the situation arises and the opportunity comes up, we're getting him ready to go ahead and help us."

The Giants have not made Wilson available to the media since he signed. He has missed practices in two different weeks for what the team referred to as an illness.

**Booker starts on the**

**side:** Running back Devonta Booker (hip), the Giants' top offensive option this season, worked on the side with trainers at Wednesday's practice.

Booker, 29, a free agent signing in the spring, leads all Giants skill players with 105 offensive touches and 476 yards from scrimmage. His three TDs are tied with Saquon Barkley for the team lead, too.

Barkley looks like he will play on Monday night at Tampa for the first time in five games, but it's possible Booker's sore hip will keep him out, if not sidelined and limited.

Including the Week 4 loss at Dallas, when Barkley turned his left ankle, Booker

has 95 touches for 440 yards (4.6 yards per touch) and three TDs as the top weapon in Jason Garrett's attack.

Otherwise at Wednesday's one-hour walkthrough practice, TE Kaden Smith (knee) and special teamer Nate Ebner (ankle) were not on the field. Kicker Graham Gano and edge rusher Lorenzo Carter also were kept away due to a stomach bug, Judge said. WR Sterling Shepard (quad) worked with trainers.

Booker, Gano and RB Eli Penny were both back with the team after being absent on Monday due to personal matters. Carter has missed the Giants' last two games with an ankle injury.

**Patriots**

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## Invisible receivers

Coming off the lowest-rated game of his 14-year career, Ryan must find a way to get his wideouts more involved in the offense.

They were basically invisible in the Dallas debacle, combining for just 36 yards on four catches.

Tight end Kyle Pitts is a huge weapon, but the Falcons have major problems at the receiver position after trading Julio Jones and losing

## SCOREBOARD

### NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE		W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	10	5	.667	—	
New York	8	6	.571	1 1/2	
Philadelphia	8	7	.533	2	
Boston	7	7	.500	2 1/2	
Toronto	7	8	.467	3	
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	
Washington	10	3	.769	—	
Miami	9	5	.643	1 1/2	
Charlotte	8	7	.533	3	
Atlanta	6	9	.400	5	
Orlando	3	11	.214	7 1/2	
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	
Chicago	10	4	.714	—	
Cleveland	9	6	.600	1 1/2	
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	4	
Indiana	6	9	.400	4 1/2	
Detroit	3	10	.231	6 1/2	

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST		W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	9	4	.692	—	
Memphis	7	7	.500	2 1/2	
San Antonio	4	10	.286	5 1/2	
New Orleans	2	13	.133	8	
Houston	1	13	.071	8 1/2	
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	
Utah	9	5	.643	—	
Denver	9	5	.643	—	
Portland	7	8	.467	2 1/2	
Oklahoma City	5	8	.385	3 1/2	
Minnesota	4	9	.308	4 1/2	
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>GB</b>	
Golden State	12	2	.857	—	
Phoenix	10	3	.769	1 1/2	
L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	3	
L.A. Lakers	8	7	.533	4 1/2	
Sacramento	6	8	.429	6	

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana at Detroit, late  
Washington at Charlotte, late  
Boston at Atlanta, late  
Cleveland at Brooklyn, late  
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, late  
New Orleans at Miami, late  
Orlando at New York, late  
Houston at Oklahoma City, late  
Sacramento at Minnesota, late  
Chicago at Portland, late  
Dallas at Phoenix, late

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Golden State at Cleveland, 7:30p.m.  
Washington at Miami, 7:30p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8p.m.  
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
Philadelphia at Denver, 9p.m.  
Toronto at Utah, 9p.m.

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Golden State 117, Brooklyn 99  
Utah 120, Philadelphia 85  
L.A. Clippers 106, San Antonio 92

### NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	16	11	2	3	25	62	42	
Toronto	17	11	5	1	23	46	42	
Tampa Bay	14	8	3	3	19	43	40	
Detroit	13	8	5	0	16	41	37	
Buffalo	15	7	6	2	16	45	44	
Montreal	18	4	2	2	10	38	51	
Ottawa	15	4	10	1	9	36	52	
<b>METRO.</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	
Carolina	14	12	2	0	24	49	27	
Washington	16	9	5	2	23	56	39	
N.Y. Rangers	16	10	3	3	23	45	45	
Philadelphia	14	8	4	2	18	38	35	
New Jersey	14	7	4	3	17	42	42	
Columbus	13	8	5	0	16	43	40	
Pittsburgh	15	5	6	4	14	43	51	
N.Y. Islanders	13	5	6	2	12	29	39	

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg	15	9	3	3	21	51	40	
Minnesota	15	10	0	20	49	47		
Nashville	16	9	6	1	19	44	42	
St. Louis	15	8	5	2	18	51	42	
Dallas	14	6	6	2	14	37	43	
Colorado	12	6	5	1	13	43	39	
Chicago	15	4	9	2	10	33	51	
Arizona	16	2	13	1	5	26	52	
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	
Anaheim	17	10	4	3	23	60	46	
Edmonton	15	11	4	0	22	61	47	
Calgary	16	8	3	5	21	49	34	
Los Angeles	15	8	5	2	18	42	37	
Vegas	15	9	7	0	18	49	50	
San Jose	15	8	6	1	17	43	42	
Vancouver	16	5	9	2	12	41	55	
Seattle	15	4	10	1	9	42	55	

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Colorado at Vancouver, late  
Chicago at Seattle, late  
Washington at Los Angeles, late

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Calgary at Buffalo, 7p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 7p.m.  
New Jersey at Florida, 7p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7p.m.  
Dallas at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
San Jose at St. Louis, 8p.m.  
Columbus at Arizona, 9p.m.  
Carolina at Anaheim, 10p.m.  
Detroit at Vegas, 10p.m.  
Nashville at Ottawa, ppd

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 6, N.Y. Islanders 1

N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2

Buffalo 2, Pittsburgh 1

Toronto 3, Nashville 0

Philadelphia 2, Calgary 1, OT

San Jose 4, Minnesota 1

Arizona 3, St. Louis 2

Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 2

Dallas 5, Detroit 2

Carolina 4, Vegas 2

Anaheim 3, Washington 2, OT

Ottawa at New Jersey, ppd

### NFL

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST		W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	280	135	
New England	6	4	0	.600	275	177	
Miami	3	0	.300	.177	252	232	
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	161	296	
<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	
Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	278	232	
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	268	230	
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	149	232	
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258	
<b>NORTH</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>PA</b>	
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	271	217	
Pittsburgh	5	3	1	.611	177	185	
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	236	203	
Cleveland	5	5	0	.500	231	241	
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## CELTICS

## Pritchard sniffs around for an answer to his shooting woes

By Adam Himmelsbach  
Boston Globe

ATLANTA — Celtics guard Payton Pritchard said that when he wore a mask during games to protect the nose that he broke last month, he might as well have been donning a football helmet. Sometimes the mask would be knocked off-center in the middle of a play, and even though the clear plastic protector did not cover Pritchard's eyes, it still affected his vision, especially peripherally.

He wore the mask in every game since his nose was smashed during a preseason game against the Magic last month. But Saturday night, in the midst of a season-long slump, and after committing two turnovers and going scoreless in the first half against the Cavaliers, Pritchard decided he had had enough.

He flung the mask aside and told

the team's medical staff he was fine with the risks.

"I'm just done wearing it," Pritchard said. "It's kind of annoying to wear. It takes away some of your vision. It's just a lot different."

"Going forward, if I break my nose, I break my nose. It's a little early [to stop using the mask], but it is what it is. I'm just done with it."

Pritchard was hopeful that his newfound facial freedom could get him untracked, but the early returns haven't been promising. He missed both of his shots in the second half of Saturday's game against Cleveland, and then was 0 for 2 and held scoreless in Monday's rematch, a 98-92 Celtics win.

"I don't know if it has anything to do with the mask," coach Ime Udoka said. "It could be that you're missing shots and looking for something, as far as that, but [we

need] him coming in and being who he is and hunting shots. We try to get him shots when he's in."

Pritchard, 23, emphasized that he is not using the mask as an excuse, but that does not change the fact that he viewed it as a hindrance. As a rookie last season he was something of a revelation. With the roster battered by injuries and COVID-19-related absences, Pritchard stepped in and seized a prominent role.

He converted a game-winning buzzer-beater against the Heat and then poured in 23 points in a win over the Raptors. For the season, he played 19.2 minutes per game and averaged 7.7 points and 2.4 rebounds while shooting 44% from the field and 41.1% from beyond the 3-point line.

But this season has been a struggle. Pritchard broke his nose when he took an inadvertent shot to the

face Oct. 13. He underwent surgery and was fitted for the mask in time for the season opener against the Knicks. He is still looking to regain his rhythm.

Pritchard is averaging 10.6 minutes, 1.8 points, and 1.7 rebounds per game. He has made just 23.5% of his shots overall and 26.1% of his 3-pointers.

"I've got to knock down my shots and let it flow, but I'm just focusing on helping the team win," Pritchard said. "As a new team goes, you just figure out how to help them win, and that's all I'm worried about right now. As far as my individual success, I'll find ways to help."

The additions of Dennis Schröder and Josh Richardson have crowded the Celtics' backcourt, reducing the roles of players such as Pritchard and fellow second-year guard Aaron Nesmith.



Celtics guard Payton Pritchard sets up for a play against the Magic on Nov. 3 in Orlando, Fla. He stopped wearing his protective mask on Saturday. **PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP**

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## NCAA Tournament expands to 68 teams

Associated Press

The NCAA women's basketball tournament is expanding to 68 teams beginning with the current season, giving it an equal number of participants as the men's tournament as part of a concerted effort at gender parity.

The men's tournament expanded to 68 teams in 2011 with four first-round games traditionally played in Dayton, Ohio. The first four for the women's tournament will take place on the campuses of teams seeded in the top 16 this season, but they will move to a to-be-determined neutral site beginning with the 2023 tournament.

"This immediate expansion of the women's basketball championship reinforces the fact that leaders within Division I are committed to strengthening aspects of the women's basketball championship that directly impact student-athletes," said West Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons, the chairman of the Division I Council.

"We look forward to the positive change this will have for the student experience at the championship, especially as it relates to equal team opportunities to compete in the tournament."

The expansion of the women's tournament was among the recommendations put forth in August after a comprehensive external gender equity review conducted by the law firm Kaplan Hecker & Fink.

It was commissioned after backlash driven by social media of disparities in the men's and women's tournaments, including weight rooms and other facilities.

ESPN will broadcast the first four games along with the rest of the women's tournament.

"The expanded bracket and championship opportunities for



UConn coach Geno Auriemma and the Huskies will be playing in a 68-team NCAA tournament this March. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Division I women's basketball student-athletes are paramount," said UT-San Antonio athletic director Lisa Campos, the chair of the Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.

"This is a transition year for the tournament, and strong consideration will be given for other improvement areas, including opening-round games taking place at a predetermined site in order to improve the championship experience."

Other recommendations include exploring a joint Final Four with the semifinals and title games held in the same city on the same weekend, though that would not happen until at least 2027 with sites already locked in until that point.

The NCAA already had approved the women's tournament using the phrase March Madness in its branding.

"This action corrects an inequality that has existed between the men's and women's championships for a decade," Danielle Donehew, executive director of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, said about tournament expansion.

"And [it] provides equitable postseason participation opportunities for Division I men's and women's basketball student-athletes."



The Huskies' Tyrese Martin slam-dunks against LIU during the second half Wednesday in Storrs. **PAUL CONNORS/AP**

## Amore

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and he did it in the first half.

It was easy to forget during Jackson's freshman season that he was a top recruiting priority for Hurley and his staff the first time they assembled in Storrs, and they persisted to pull him out from Syracuse's backyard, Amsterdam, N.Y.

A knee injury prevented him from hitting the ground running when he got to Storrs, and the COVID-marred season of 2020-21 was not one for a freshman to easily acclimate to the college game. A fractured wrist cost him more time.

There were flashes, a windmill dunk here, a block there, but Jackson's first season averages, 2.7 points, 2.9 rebounds, were nothing special. His 2-for-17 shooting in threes was special, not in a good way.

With seniors back for more eligibility and a top-tier freshman class coming in, Jackson has been under ever more pressure to show what his coaches saw him in. In a program culture in which players get in the gym early and stay late, he stood above all summer, especially in terms of time working on his shooting.

But he was strangely shy to pull the trigger in the first two games. His one attempt against Central

## UCONN 93, LIU 40

**M F G FT RB A PF PT**

Kante 32 6-12 5-10 9 1 2 17

Penn 30 2-8 1-2 2 0 3 6

Flowers 28 2-9 0-0 6 1 3 4

Wood 31 1-5 0-0 3 2 3 2

Rivera 23 0-4 1-2 1 1 2 1

Cook 18 1-2 1-1 1 0 4 3

Nicholson 3 1-1 0-0 0 0 0 3

Davis 16 1-8 0-0 2 1 5 2

Burns 7 0-0 2-2 1 1 4 2

Washington 9 0-1 0-0 1 1 1 0

Kamich 3 0-1 0-0 0 0 1 0

TOTALS 14-51 10-17 30 8 28 40

Three-point goals: 2-16, 12.5% (Nicholson 1-1).

Penn 1-3, Cook 0-1, Kamich 0-1, Rivera 0-2, Davis 0-2, Flowers 0-3, Wood 0-3). FG pct.: 27.5% FT pct.: 58.8. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 26 (Flowers 6, Wood 6, Penn 4, Rivera 3, Kante 2, Cook 2, Washington, Kamich, Team). Blocks: 3 (Penn 2, Davis). Steals: 4 (Wood 2, Flowers, Rivera).

**UConn M F G FT RB A PF PT**

Jackson 27 5-7 2-3 5 1 1 14

Sanogo 19 3-7 5-5 6 0 3 11

Martin 25 4-4 1-2 7 2 1 10

Cole 28 3-9 2-2 1 6 3 9

Whaley 13 1-3 0-0 5 0 3 2

Polley 19 6-12 3-3 3 0 0 17

Gaffney 17 2-8 5-5 1 3 1 11

Springs 6 1-2 4-6 4 0 2 6

Hawkins 8 1-4 3-3 4 1 0 3

Akok 17 1-2 1-4 7 1 3 3

Johnson 8 1-1 1-2 0 0 0 3

Garry 3 0-1 2-4 1 0 1 2

Diggins 7 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0

Hurley 3 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0

TOTALS 28-62 29-39 48 14 18 93

Three-point goals: 8-26, 30.8% (Jackson 2-3, Gaffney 2-4, Polley 2-8, Hurley 1-1, Cole 1-5, Whaley 0-1, Akok 0-1, Hurley 0-1, Hawkins 0-2). FG pct.: 45.2% FT pct.: 74.4. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 12 (Gaffney 3, Jackson 2, Cole 2, Sanogo, Polley, Hawkins, Garry, Diggins). Blocks: 10 (Jackson 3, Akok 3, Sanogo, Martin, Garry). Steals: 14 (Hawkins 3, Jackson 2, Sanogo 2, Gaffney 2, Cole, Polley, Akok, Johnson, Garry).

**LIU 22 18 — 40**

**UConn 38 55 — 93**

Officials: Rutecki, Burroughs, Gaffney. Att.: 8,481 at Gampel Pavilion, Storrs.

than mope he helped the Huskies by getting nine rebounds.

After the game, he texted with assistant coach Luke Murray, and the conversation was about focus, intensity.

"He just told me I had to be better all around," Jackson said. "I had rebounds, but I had to be a bigger presence on defense, bring more ball pressure, be more disruptive. I took that advice and tried to bring it to practice and into the game and it worked for me. Finding my identity on the defensive end is what the coaches have been pushing me to do every day."

On Wednesday night, for the first time, he put it altogether. With UConn sluggish, he hit a second 3-pointer with 11:14 left in the half to tie the game at 12, and then he looked for long stretches like the most dynamic player on the floor.

Like the player UConn believed they were getting the weekend visit in which Jackson he flipped to become a Husky.

"You hitch your wagons to these guys you believe in," Hurley said, "you know you have guys like James leaving early and you have to have your program, class by class, loaded with players. That was like, what we hoped Andre would be. I think he's capable of more, too."

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## Volleyball

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3-1.

Wednesday was very different. Simsbury took control from the start of the match, trailing only twice in the first set. Each set, the Trojans jumped out to an early lead and then held on.

Junior setter Brenna Piller had 15 assists for Simsbury, freshman Sofia Smith had six kills and sophomore Amanda Gallagher had five blocks. Sophomore Lauren Papale, who had three aces, served through a 14-0 run

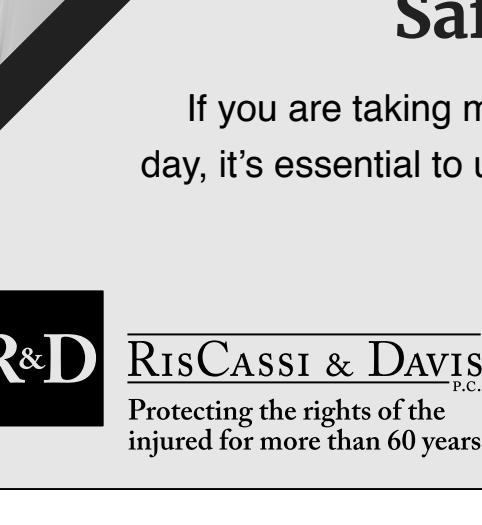
in the third set.

Senior Hannah Webber had 17 kills and two aces for Bristol Eastern (21-6).

Simsbury was the ninth seed in the CCC tournament and had upset top-seeded RHAM and fifth-seeded Southington to get to the final. That experience helped the Trojans during the state tournament.

"It honestly started when we beat RHAM," Kaplinski said. "We're like, 'Hey, we can do this. We need to keep this going.'"

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## Safety Tip of the Day

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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

## SHORTS

### Jefferson revs up Vikings offense

 The lack of involvement for Justin Jefferson was so glaring in the Vikings' two recent losses that coach Mike Zimmer made a point to pull him aside last week and assure him the ball was coming his way. Zimmer rather paternalistically asked Jefferson to promise to practice and study hard, as if there were any question about the effort and precision the Vikings would get from their star receiver. The result of this renewed commitment was positive, at a time when the Vikings needed it most. Kirk Cousins threw 11 passes to Jefferson in the 27-20 victory over the Chargers, with nine completions for 143 yards. Seven of them went for first downs. Jefferson's nickname is "Jet." Just 25 games into his NFL career, it's clear nobody can rev up the Vikings offense quite like him. In four games the Vikings have won this season, Jefferson has averaged 11 targets and 116 yards. "I feel like any receiver would be a little frustrated, just wanting to be a big part of the offense, wanting to make big plays," Jefferson said. "This game stressed giving me the ball, giving me the opportunity to go up and make a play, and I'm definitely grateful for that."

### Ichiro to go into in M's Hall of Fame

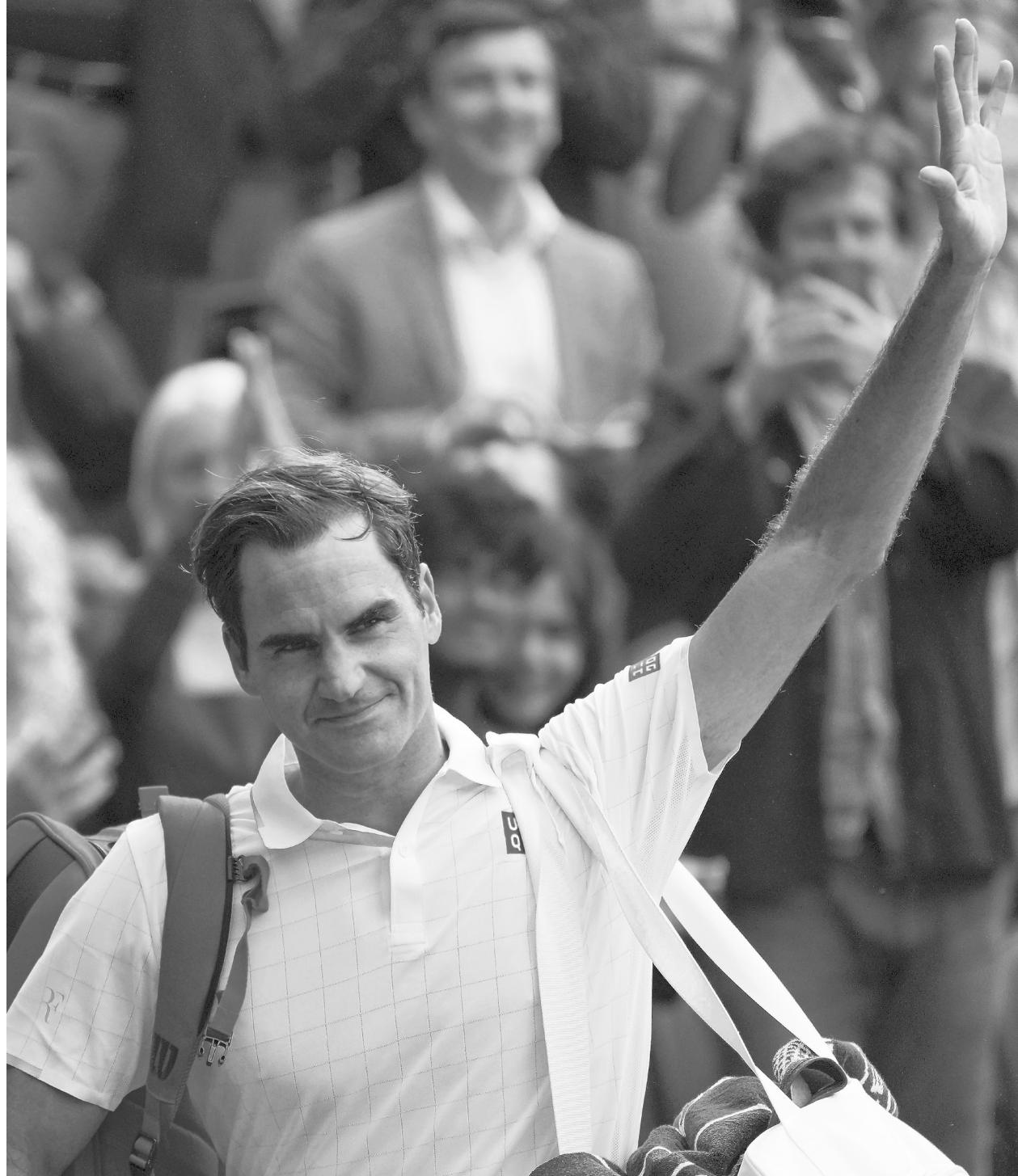


The Mariners will induct Ichiro Suzuki into the team's Hall of Fame during the 2022 season, the club announced Wednesday. Suzuki will be honored on Aug. 27 when Seattle faces the Guardians. "Mariners fans were fortunate to have watched Ichiro Suzuki perform his magic at the plate and in the field for over a decade in a Mariners uniform," Mariners Chairman John Stanton said in a statement. Suzuki spent parts of 14 seasons with the Mariners before retiring in March 2019 after the Mariners opened the season with games in his home country of Japan. Suzuki was a 10-time All-Star, 10-time Gold Glove winner, won two batting titles and was the 2001 Rookie of the Year and MVP in his debut season with the Mariners. Suzuki also played for the Yankees and the Marlins. Suzuki is currently an instructor for the Mariners working with the major league and Triple-A teams. He finished a 19-year MLB career with a .311 batting average and 3,089 hits, including 362 doubles and 117 home runs. Suzuki will be eligible for the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2025.

### Shiffrin to return with record in sight



Approaching a race weekend where she can set yet another Alpine skiing World Cup record might sound like business as usual to Mikaela Shiffrin. This time, it's not. The American double Olympic champion has arrived in Levi, Finland, after dealing with back pain that limited her preparation in Copper Mountain, the U.S. ski team's training base in Colorado. Only the last days before heading to Finnish Lapland was Shiffrin able to ski the volume she had planned. "Coming here, I was a little less concerned about it. We are through the worst of this whole spasm. On to the skiing, hopefully," Shiffrin said Wednesday after arriving in Levi for two slaloms this weekend. Shiffrin has won 45 of her 70 career World Cups in slalom, leaving her one short of the best mark for most wins in a single discipline, set by Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark with 46 giant slalom wins in the 1970s and '80s. Shiffrin already holds the women's record, since surpassing Lindsey Vonn's tally of 43 wins, in downhill. Saturday's race will be her first since winning the season-opening GS in Sölden, Austria, four weeks ago. **AP**



Injured Roger Federer doesn't believe he will be healthy enough to play at next year's Wimbledon. **ALBERTO PEZZALI/AP**

## COMMENTARY

### 'End is near' for Federer

#### Injured star hoping for on-court farewell

**By Howard Fendrich**  
Associated Press

Just before the start of Wimbledon in late June, Roger Federer recalled a conversation about retirement that he had with Pete Sampras a decade ago. "He was wondering how much longer I had in the tank. This was when I was just hitting 30," Federer said. "He was thinking I was coming towards the end or something, just because it was, for him, normal that at 31, 33 — with the career that we've had, with all the sacrifice, in a way, you have to go through — it's hard to keep on pushing for more years on tour."

Federer, who turned 40 in August, went on to explain that he never thought he'd still be going at this age, especially after a series of knee operations. With Wednesday's news that not only will he sit out the Australian Open in January but also expects to miss Wimbledon in 2022, the notion that Federer really might not have many — or perhaps even any — high-level performances left in him becomes all the more real.

To his fans, to his sport at large and, most importantly, to the man himself.

"Even if I know that the end is near, I want to try and play some more big matches. That will not be easy, but I want to try," Federer said in an interview published in the Tribune de Genève newspaper.

"Let's be clear: My life is not going to fall apart if I don't play another Grand Slam final. But that would be the ultimate dream — to get back there," he said. "I want to see one last time what I'm capable of as a professional tennis player."

That is a sentiment surely shared by plenty of others.

Count Novak Djokovic among them. "Obviously, Roger is an icon of our sport, and people around the world love him. They love watching him play; they love seeing him around. He is very important for our sport, on and off the court," Djokovic said Wednesday in Turin, Italy, where he is competing at the ATP Tour Finals. "So for the sake of our sport, I sincerely hope that we can see him play, at least another time."

Federer, who shares the men's

record of 20 major singles championships with Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, has not competed since undergoing surgery on his right knee for the third time in 1 1/2 years. That procedure to repair his meniscus and cartilage came not long after Federer lost 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-0 to Hubert Hurkacz in the quarterfinals on July 7 at Wimbledon, where he has won eight titles.

Federer was physically compromised that day against an opponent never previously past the third round at a Slam. That was only the third 6-0 shutout handed to Federer in 429 Grand Slam matches.

That's why, in the interview published Wednesday, Federer said his fans "deserve better than the image left during the grass-court season," even if

he also figures, correctly, that the lasting memory of his play would be his triumphs and "how they felt watching me play," rather than the stumble against Hurkacz.

He acknowledged he needs to be patient as he works to recover and rehabilitate, drawing a distinction with 2016, when he missed half a season following an operation on his left knee, then won three of the first four majors he entered after returning.

As of now, Federer is aiming to be able to jog in January and resume tennis work two or three months after that.

"I'm sure that he doesn't want to end his career this way. I think he's going to definitely going to try to give it the last push," said Djokovic, who eclipsed Federer's record for most weeks atop the ATP rankings and Sampras' mark for most years finished at No. 1. "For everything that he has achieved and created for this sport, he deserves to play and he deserves to have a proper farewell."

As the long-ago chat with Sampras (or, as Federer calls him, "Pistol") illustrates, people have been asking the Swiss star forever about how much longer he plans to play.

"We would all like that I could say goodbye in my way and on the tennis court," Federer said, adding: "In absolute terms, there's not a right moment to leave. Just the right moment for each athlete."

*AP Sports Writer Graham Dunbar in Geneva contributed to this report.*

## NFL INSIDE THE NUMBERS

### Top teams on wrong side of blowouts

**By Josh Dubow**  
Associated Press

It was another blowout-filled weekend in the NFL, only this time several of the teams on the losing end were teams near the top of the standings.

For the second time in four weeks, six games were decided by at least 21 points, the first time that has happened twice in a season since 2009 and just the fifth time ever.

Five of the six teams on the wrong side of those lopsided games were teams that entered the weekend with a .500 or better record, with the Falcons losing 43-3 to the Cowboys, the Raiders falling 41-14 to the Chiefs, the Rams losing 31-10 to the 49ers, the Cardinals getting beat 34-10 by the Panthers and the Browns getting knocked off 45-7 by the Patriots.

The other blowout was far more predictable: the struggling Jets getting beat 45-17 by the Bills.

This marked just the second time in NFL history that five teams that came into the week without a losing record got beat by at least 21 points, according to Sportradar. The other came in Week 17 of the 2009 season, when many of those teams were resting key players ahead of the playoffs.

Blowouts have been extremely common so far this season, with the 24 games decided by at least 24 points tied for the second most through 10 weeks since the merger, trailing only the 29 in 1975.

### Rare rookies

The Patriots got impressive production from a pair of rookies in their win over the Browns, with Mac Jones completing 19 of 23 passes for 198 yards and three TDs and Rhamondre Stevenson rushing for 100 yards and two TDs.

The Patriots became the fifth team since the merger to have one rookie throw at least two TD passes and another run for two TDs in a game. The others were the Browns in 2018 (Baker Mayfield and Nick Chubb), Cowboys in 2016 (Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott), Washington in 2012 (Kirk Cousins and Alfred Morris; Robert Griffin III and Morris), and the Broncos in 2006 (Jay Cutler and Mike Bell).

Jones' 142.1 rating in the game was the fifth-highest single-game passer rating by a rookie quarterback in the Super Bowl era with at least 20 attempts, trailing only two games from Mayfield, one from Prescott and one from Geno Smith in 2013.

### Pat's back

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes shook off a shaky stretch to get back into his old form, throwing for 406 yards with five TDs and no interceptions in the 41-14 win over the Raiders.

It was the third time Mahomes threw for at least 400 yards and five TDs in a game, also doing it against the Jets last season and the Rams in 2018, tying Hall of Famers Peyton Manning, Dan Marino and Joe Montana for the most in NFL history.

Mahomes is the only one of those players to do it more than once without an interception, also doing that against the Jets.

### Long drought

The Lions came close to winning in Pittsburgh for the first time since the Ford family bought the team in 1961. Detroit had nine losses and one tie on the road against the Steelers since their last win in 1955 at Forbes Field before settling for another tie on Sunday.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the one other team whose last road win against an opponent predates the Super Bowl era that started in 1966 is the Steelers at Philadelphia. Pittsburgh is 0-9 on the road against the Eagles since a win in 1965.

The Vikings have never won a road game against the Colts in either Baltimore or Indianapolis, losing all 12 games.



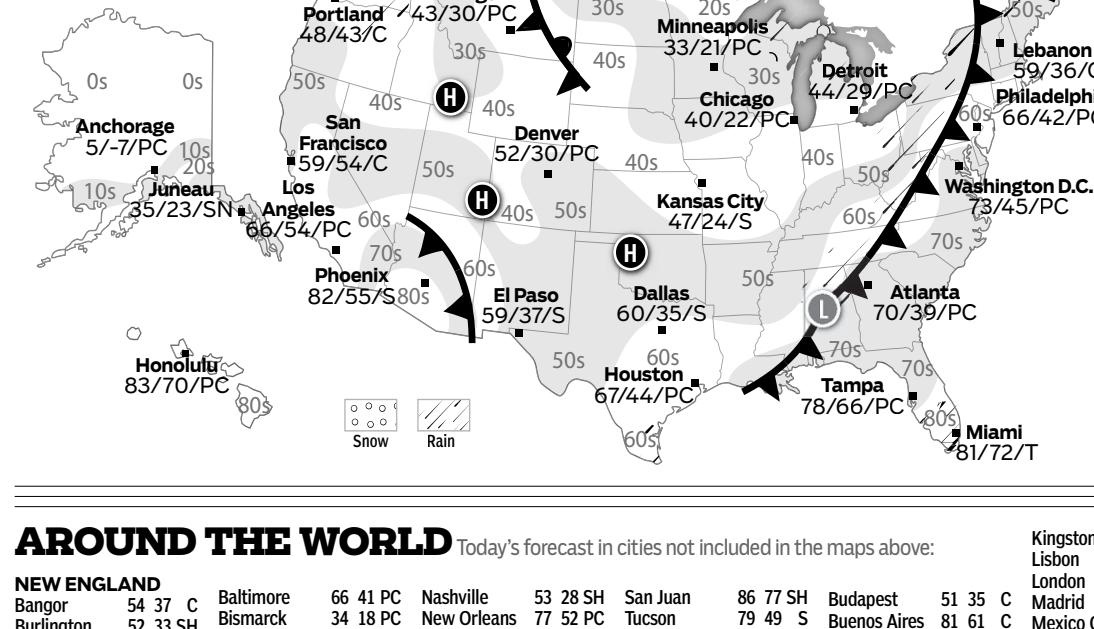
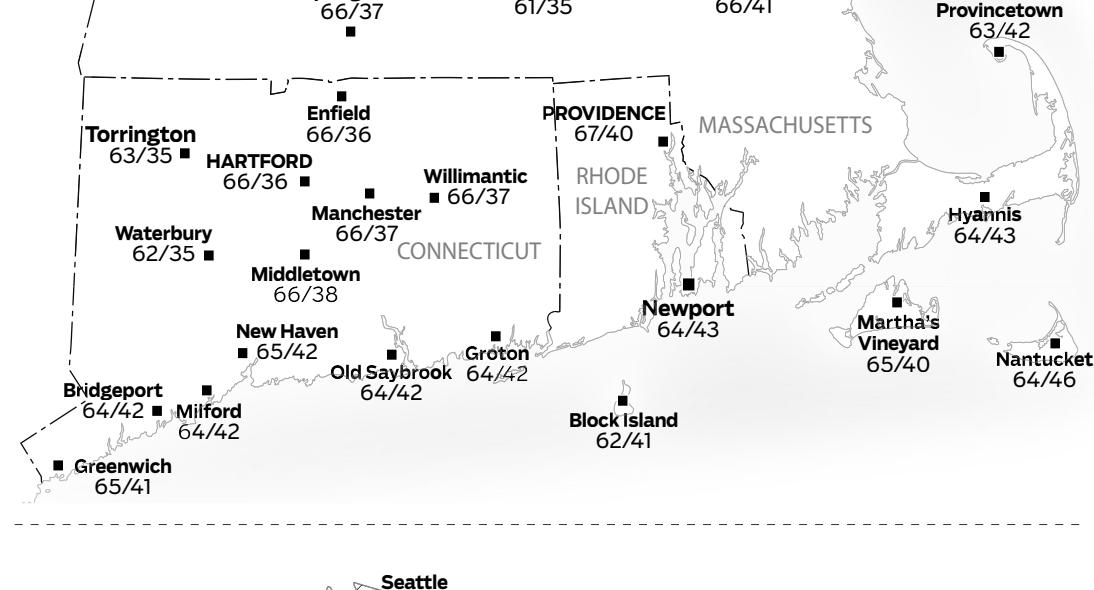
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Swirl pumpkin butter into pumpkin cheesecake for a stunning dessert. KRISTEN MENDIOLA/THE DAILY MEAL PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

# The power of pumpkin

From sweet muffins to savory soup, try these recipes for the holiday season



**JeanMarie Brownson**  
Dinner at Home

My list of favorite pumpkin items grows each fall. By now, I'm over my pumpkin spice latte obsession, but still mighty hungry for the mellow, sweet goodness of pumpkin. Milder and lighter than butter-nut, cooking with pumpkin easily transitions from sweets to savories.

Peeled, seeded fresh pumpkin chunks freeze well for soups and chili. A healthy supply of canned pumpkin and jars of pumpkin pie spice mean I can turn out desserts in little time.

In fact, canned pumpkin ranks as my favorite tinned food. It transforms into a fast soup, adds body to cakes and makes such lovely pies and muffins.

I also turn canned pumpkin into thick, sweetened pumpkin butter by adding sweet spices, syrup and sugar. A slow simmer creates a mixture that can be packed into small containers to use as a spread on toast, peanut butter sandwiches

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## Pumpkin spice pumpkin butter

*Be sure to stir frequently so the mixture doesn't scorch on the bottom of the pan while it cooks and concentrates in flavor.*

**Prep time:** 5 minutes

**Cook time:** 25 minutes

**Makes:** 3 generous cups

1 can (29 ounces) pure

pumpkin, 3 generous cups

3/4 cup packed dark brown

sugar

1/2 cup apple juice concentrate

(not diluted) or unfiltered

apple cider  
1/3 cup corn syrup, honey or agave syrup  
2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice  
1/4 teaspoon salt

**1. Mix** all ingredients in a medium-size heavy-bottomed saucepan. Heat to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring nearly constantly, until shiny and thickened to the consistency of jam, about 25 minutes.

**2. Cool.** Store in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

## Pumpkin swirl cheesecake with speculoos crust

**Prep time:** 30 minutes

**Cook time:** 1 hour

**Chill time:** Several hours

**Makes:** 8 servings

**Notes:** Crush the cookies into fine crumbs in a food processor or in a plastic zippered bag with a rolling pin. You can substitute ginger snap cookies or graham crackers for the speculoos cookies.

**For the crust:**

1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) finely crushed speculoos cookies

5 tablespoons melted butter

### For the filling:

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup sugar

2 large eggs

2 large egg yolks

1/2 of a 15-ounce can (about 3/4 cup) pure pumpkin

1/2 cup sour cream

1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1/3 cup pumpkin butter, see recipe above

### For the crust:

**1. Heat** oven to 325 degrees. Spray bottom and sides of a 9-inch

springform pan with cooking spray.

**2. Mix** 1 1/2 cups cookie crumbs and 5

tablespoons melted butter in a small bowl. Press mixture into an even layer over the bottom of the prepared pan. Bake until set, 8-10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

### For the filling:

**1. Reduce** oven temperature to 300 degrees. Put 2 packages of softened cream cheese into a large mixer bowl

fitted with a paddle blade. Beat on high until smooth and light. Beat in 2/3

cups sugar, scraping bowl frequently,

until mixed, then beat in 2 eggs and 2

additional egg yolks until smooth. Beat

in 3/4 cups pumpkin, 1/2 cup sour cream

and 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

until smooth. Scrape mixture into pan

with crust.

**2. Use** a small spoon to dollop pumpkin butter over the batter in a polka-dot pattern. Use a small spatula or blunt knife to swirl pumpkin butter into batter. (Don't swirl into baked crust below.) Bake in the center of the oven until the center of the cheesecake is set but still a bit wiggly, about 50 minutes. Turn off the oven and open it about 5 inches. Let the cake cool in the open oven for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and cool completely on a wire rack.

**3. Refrigerate** at least 6 hours, or overnight. Remove sides of pan. Serve in wedges.

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# Your easy guide to wines for Thanksgiving

By Eric Asimov  
The New York Times

Thanksgiving 2020 was an anomaly, I hope, in which potentially ominous consequences disrupted what typically is a joyous gathering.

This year, at least, the run-up to the holiday feels closer to routine if by no means ordinary. The pandemic lingers, for one thing. For another, it will be more expensive.

Organizing Thanksgiving annually always seems daunting. Skipping a year can mean extra bafflement for even the most seasoned hosts. So why not begin with the easiest of tasks, selecting the wine?

Each year since 2004, the wine panel has gathered for an early feast to test which wines go best with the meal. Each of us brings two bottles, one red and one white, costing no more than \$25 apiece.

Usually, we would gather in a dining room at The New York Times headquarters. But with the building not yet reopened for general occupation, four of the Food section's old guard, Julia Moskin, Florence Fabricant, Pete Wells and I, instead got a table at Bar Boulud in Manhattan.

We asked Ian Smedley, Bar Boulud's head sommelier, to round out our table and to contribute a couple of bottles.

Over 18 years, we have accumulated a lot of insights about what makes certain wines good for Thanksgiving. We have learned that it does not much matter what grapes go into the wine, or where it comes from (although many people like to have American wines with this holiday).

We don't fret about specific food-and-wine pairings. Certain components like turkey and stuffing may seem invariable, but the preparations are so individualistic and the sides so diverse that pinpoint



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pairings feel like futile fussiness.

Instead we preach versatility. Choosing wines that go with many sorts of dishes is a far better bet than selecting wines that, no matter how good they may be, are limited in the sorts of dishes they will accompany well.

Unless you and your guests are dedicated wine lovers, the food and the people will be the stars.

Wine's simply a supporting player that will make things taste and feel better.

Still, it's best to create a scenario that increases the odds of magic. For that, we offer some concrete advice.

First, and most important, you want lively wines. A lot of words connote liveliness, like fresh, lithe and energetic. These words technically refer to one key quality in a wine, acidity.

Wines with just the right amount of acidity enable a thrilling high-wire act. Too much, and a wine tumbles

into the pit of harshness. Too little and it flops into the tank of dull tedium. With the right acidity, wine maintains a tension that invigorates and refreshes.

We imagine most people's Thanksgivings to be long meals that may begin with snacks and noshes, extend through appetizers and main courses and end, perhaps hours later, with desserts.

The liveliness that comes with good acidity is in effect a survival strategy. Such wines will rejuvenate, even as all that food pushes you toward a comatose state.

The French naturally have a term for this characteristic in wines, digestibilité, wines that are delicious and easy to drink without being freighted with excess or weighing too heavily in the gut.

A word about planning: It's always good to have on hand more wine than you think you will need. Our policy is to figure one

bottle per drinking person, whether you are planning a sit-down dinner for four or a buffet for 20.

That sounds like a lot, and it is. Most likely you will not come close to finishing the wine. But you won't run out, and that's the most important thing. You can hand out extra bottles as keepsakes.

Plan to have equal numbers of both reds and whites. Your guests may prefer one or the other. Let them have it.

Over the years, the panel has gotten so good at picking wines that we pretty much like all the choices. It's a far cry from earlier years, especially one in particular, which we remember as the Thanksgiving Smackdown.

For her white, Julia brought an herbal, citrus-inflected 2019 pinot gris from Montinore Estate, a Willamette Valley producer. It was just fine — Julia herself described it

during our blind tasting as "respectable and upright," but it was not as exciting as other whites.

Her red was a 2018 Château Maris La Livinière

from the Languedoc region of Minervois, a juicy, inviting blend of syrah and grenache. Its only flaw was an elevated alcohol level of 14.5% and an intensity of flavors that some of us feared would be tiring over a long meal. Nonetheless, the wine was delicious. Languedoc reds can be excellent choices.

Florence, who generally brings American wines, picked as her white a 2020 California blend of chenin blanc and viognier from Pine Ridge that was bright, floral and slightly spritz.

Her red was a 2019 pinot noir from Oregon, Other People's Pinot from Maison Noir, light in color and body with subtle herbal and fruit flavors. Julia especially was a fan of this wine.

Pete brought a 2018 ries-

ling from Bloomer Creek in the Finger Lakes. It was labeled "skin contact," indicated the white was made like a red, in which the grape juice macerates with the pigment-laden skins before and during fermentation.

These are sometimes called "orange wines." This did have a darker color than a typical riesling, and it was spicy. But it was not as tannic as many orange wines can be and was more energetic than it might have seemed on first sip.

He also brought Humus, a nonvintage Portuguese red from Encosta da Quinta. This was an ideal Thanksgiving wine, earthy, lively, refreshing and low in alcohol at 12%. Sadly, this wine is difficult to find — most New York stores are sold out.

I brought two Italian bottles I have enjoyed several times over the year. My white was a bracing, spicy 2018 Pecorino Superiore from Antica Tenuta Pietramore in Abruzzo. My red was a juicy, buoyant 2019 Trebbiolo from La Stoppa, one of my favorite Emilia-Romagna producers.

In trying to rank these bottles, it was hard to find much separation, particularly among the reds. We liked them all. But it was left to Ian, our guest, to bring the two bottles that turned out to be our favorites.

His white was a refreshing, spirited 2020 ribolla gialla from Ronchi di Cialla in the Friuli Colli Orientali region of northeastern Italy, while his red was a tangy, savory 2019 Zeta garnacha, or grenache, from Pegaso in the Sierra de Gredos, a Spanish region northwest of Madrid.

All 10 wines largely fit our Thanksgiving paradigm. Ian's just did it a little better than the others.

Above all, don't sweat the wine. Of all the many chores the Thanksgiving gathering entails, it should be the easiest.

## This side dish is pretty — and pretty good for you

By Marianne Williams | EatingWell

These roasted cabbage wedges with honey and balsamic vinegar make an attractive side dish that's also very easy to prepare. You can use red or green cabbage, or make a double batch with one of each for a pretty presentation.



Roasted cabbage is easy to prepare. JENNIFER CAUSEY/EATINGWELL

### Balsamic roasted cabbage

**Makes:** 6 servings  
**Active time:** 15 minutes  
**Total time:** 30 minutes

1/2 teaspoon ground pepper  
5 tablespoons olive oil, divided  
3/4 teaspoon salt, divided  
1 large head red or green cabbage, cut into 10 or 12 wedges  
2 teaspoons honey  
4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, divided  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves (optional)

**1. Preheat** oven to 425 degrees. Combine pepper, 3 tablespoons oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Brush evenly over all sides of cabbage wedges.

**2. Combine** honey, 2 tablespoons vinegar and the remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a

small bowl; set aside.

**3. Arrange** the cabbage wedges, cut-side down, on a baking sheet. Roast until they start to brown, about 20 minutes. Brush with half the honey-balsamic mixture; turn over and brush with the remaining mixture. Continue roasting until browned and tender, but still holding their shape, about 15 minutes more. Drizzle with the remaining 2 tablespoons vinegar and sprinkle with thyme, if desired. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Serve immediately.

**Recipe nutrition per serving:** 181 calories, total fat: 12 g, saturated fat: 2 g, carbohydrates: 18 g, fiber: 4 g, total sugars: 11 g, added sugars: 2 g, protein: 3 g, sodium: 344 mg, potassium: 475 mg, iron: 2 mg, folate: 34 mcg, calcium: 89 mg, vitamin A: 2110 IU, vitamin C: 108 mg.



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## Pumpkin

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and as a topping for waffles. This holiday season, I am swirling the butter into my pumpkin cheese-cake for a stunning dessert.

Pumpkin muffins stay moist for days—a bonus when company spends the weekend. I lace mine with bits of crystallized ginger, chunks of dark and white chocolate and a handful of pecans.



### Pumpkin muffins with ginger, chocolate and toasted pecans

**Prep time:** 25 minutes

**Cook time:** 30 minutes

**Makes:** 18 muffins

**For the muffins:**

1½ cups all-purpose flour  
¼ cup whole wheat flour

1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

1 teaspoon baking soda

¾ teaspoon salt

¼ cup finely chopped crystallized ginger, optional  
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened

1 cup granulated sugar

2 large eggs

1 cup canned pure pumpkin

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chunks (4 ounces)

½ cup white chocolate pieces (2 ounces)

½ cup chopped pecan pieces

**For the pumpkin sugar glaze:**

¾ cup confectioners' sugar

1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

2 tablespoons half-and-half or heavy whipping cream

**For the muffins:**

**1. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. Line a standard 12-cup muffin tin with paper muffin liners. (Recipe makes 18 muffins. Use two muffin tins or bake in batches.)

**2. Mix** 1½ cups all-purpose flour

and ¼ cup whole wheat flour, 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice, 1 teaspoon baking soda and ¾ teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Add ¼ cup chopped ginger and mix well.

**3. Put** ½ cup softened butter into large mixing bowl. Beat on high speed until light. Beat in 1 cup sugar until fluffy. Beat in 2 eggs, one at a time, until well mixed. Beat in ⅓ of the flour mixture, then ½ cup pumpkin. Beat in another ⅓ of flour mixture and then the remaining ½ cup pumpkin. Beat in remaining flour mixture until no streaks remain. Use a rubber spatula to gently fold in ½ cup white chocolate chunks and ½ cup chopped pecans.

**4. Use** a ¼ measuring cup or scoop to spoon mixture evenly into prepared muffin tins, filling them about ⅔ full. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, 28–30 minutes. Cool in pan for 5 minutes, then remove each muffin and let cool completely on a wire rack.

**For the pumpkin glaze:**

**1. Mix** ¾ cup confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice in a small bowl. Drizzle in just enough half-and-half to make a smooth glaze with the consistency of honey. Drizzle over muffins and let stand until glaze is set. Store in a covered container for up to several days.



Serve pumpkin leek soup topped with a spoonful of pumpkin butter (homemade or bottled) and toasted pumpkin seeds. KRISTEN MENDIOLA/THE DAILY MEAL PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

### Buttery, garlicky pumpkin leek soup

**Prep time:** 25 minutes

**Cook time:** 30 minutes

**Makes:** About 8 cups, serving 6

**Note:** Alternative serving suggestion: Stir ¼ cup heavy whipping cream and ½ teaspoon curry powder into the finished soup.

1 small or ½ medium-size pie pumpkin, about 2 ¼ pounds

2 small or 1 large leek (14 ounces total), halved lengthwise, well rinsed

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter

2 large carrots (8 ounces total), trimmed, thinly sliced

1 quart low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth

3 cloves garlic, crushed

1 to 1½ teaspoons salt

**Optional toppings:** Heavy whipping cream; pumpkin seed oil; extra-virgin olive oil; cheesy croutons; thinly sliced green onions; toasted pumpkin seeds; shredded parmesan; crumbled feta

**1. Prepare pumpkin as follows:**

Cut in half through the stem. Scoop out seeds. Set the cut-side down on the cutting board. Peel the pumpkin. Cut flesh into 1-inch slabs, then cut the slabs into 1-inch chunks. (You should have 5 generous cups of chunks weighing about 1½ pounds).

**2. Use** a sharp knife to thinly slice 1 large leek, including about 3 inches of tender green tops.

**3. Melt** ½ cup butter in a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium-low heat. Add pumpkin pieces, leeks and 2 large, thinly sliced carrots. Cover pot and cook, stirring once or twice, until pumpkin starts to soften, about 15 minutes.

**4. Stir** in 1 quart broth, 3 cloves crushed garlic and 1 teaspoon of salt. Simmer uncovered over low heat, stirring often, until vegetables are fall-apart tender, about 15 minutes. Use an immersion blender to puree soup smooth. (Alternatively, puree soup in small batches in a blender).

**5. Reheat** soup. Season to taste with additional salt, if desired. Serve hot with some of the optional toppings.



This flan, made with pumpkin pie filling, is a bit lighter than the usual rich desserts we often associate with holiday indulgence. DREAMSTIME

### SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

## A light holiday dessert

By Diane Rossen Worthington

Tribune Content Agency

You've enjoyed your Thanksgiving feast and still have room for something sweet. That's where this dessert comes in. No heavy pie crusts here, just a pumpkin custard. An American favorite, pumpkin pie filling, pairs up with a Mexican-style flan to solve the dessert dilemma on holiday tables and throughout the cooler months.

Making the caramel is easy to accom-

plish if you just follow my instructions. Use either regular evaporated milk or the skim version.

You'll notice that the flan is baked in a water bath. That keeps the custard baking at an even temperature. When there is so much last-minute cooking to be done on Turkey Day, make this at least a day ahead. This will give time for the flavors to marry and the flan to reach its proper creamy texture. If you want to make the flan in smaller ramekins, cook them for only half the time of the larger version.

over the bottom of the dish. Don't worry if it is not even; it will distribute itself during the baking process.

**4. Prepare the custard:** Place the pumpkin puree and sugar in a medium mixing bowl and whisk in the milk and the eggs until well blended and the eggs are completely incorporated. Add the vanilla and spices and whisk to combine. Pour mixture into caramel-lined mold. Cover tightly with foil.

**5. Set** the dish in a larger baking pan. Pour enough hot water into the outer pan to reach halfway up the sides of the flan dish. Transfer the flan dish in its water bath to the bottom third of the oven. Be sure to regulate the oven so the water in the pan never comes above a simmer. Bake for 1 ½ hours or until a tester inserted into the custard 1 inch from the outside edge comes out clean. Cool to room temperature. Refrigerate overnight or until well chilled.

**6. To unmold**, run a knife carefully between the custard and edge of mold. Place a serving dish upside down over the mold, quickly invert the dish and remove mold from custard. Drizzle any caramel in pan over the top. If caramel seems to be sticking to the bottom of the dish, place the dish in a skillet with simmering water to melt the hardened caramel. Cut custard and serve with a spoonful of caramel.

**Advance preparation:** The flan can be prepared up to three days ahead through Step 5 and refrigerated.

### Pumpkin caramel flan

**Makes:** 6 servings

**For the caramel:**

½ cup sugar

2 tablespoons water

**For the custard:**

1 cup canned pumpkin puree, unsweetened and without spices

1½ cups sugar

1½ cups evaporated milk (you may use skim if you like)

5 large eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg

Pinch of allspice

**1. Preheat** the oven to 350 degrees.

**2. Prepare the caramel:** Combine sugar and water in a small, heavy saucepan. Do not use a dark-colored pan, or you will not be able to see the color of the caramel. Dissolve sugar in water over low heat. Turn up heat and continually swirl the pan over the flame. The mixture will be bubbly. If sugar crystals form on the sides of the pan, cover for 1 minute and dissolve them. Boil until the mixture reaches a golden-brown color, about 5 to 8 minutes. Watch carefully, as caramel can burn easily. When the mixture turns golden brown, remove from heat.

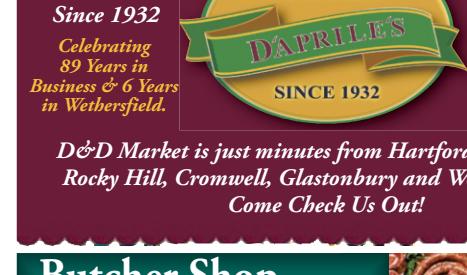
**3. Pour** caramel into a 1½-quart porcelain baking dish (a 6-cup souffle dish works well). Rotate the dish to spread the caramel evenly



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Make cranberry apple dressing in the slow-cooker, which doubles as the serving vessel keeping things warm. KRISTEN MENDIOLA/THE DAILY MEAL PHOTOS; SHANNON KINSELLA/FOOD STYLING

# A SLOW-COOKER THANKSGIVING

These tasty side dishes keep the oven clear — and the entertaining easy



**JeanMarie Brownson**  
*Dinner at Home*

I make Thanksgiving plans the minute the leaves start to turn colors. This year, vaccinated family members will gather at my sister's home. We all look forward to her husband's grilled turkey and a bevy of sides brought by all the guests. Later in the weekend, we'll travel to our daughter's home for a second holiday meal.

At both homes, oven space proves precious, especially when a large turkey roasts comfortably on the middle rack. That leaves little room for baking pans chock-full of side dishes.

COUNTERTOP APPLIANCES to the rescue! Air-fryers do a fine job roasting Brussels sprouts. A large toaster oven crisps dinner rolls. A countertop convection oven handles a shallow baking dish filled with green bean casserole.

My sister has mastered cooking dressing in the slow-cooker — complete with crispy bits at the edges for those who like them. Days ahead of the holiday, my slow-cooker turns turkey necks and wings into turkey broth destined for gravy and soup.

Slow-cookers offer a welcome bonus: They double as the serving vessel keeping things warm. Practice good safety — use a clean appliance and inspect the cord for any flaws.

DO NOT USE AN EXTENSION cord and place the cooker safely away from children. For food safety — keep hot food hot — in general, don't use the warm setting for more than two hours.

For vegetables, I set aside a stovetop burner for blanching broccoli or asparagus; I am not a fan of the olive-green color that



Root vegetables take well to covered, moist cooking — perfect for a side dish of carrots glazed with maple syrup.

## Slow-cooker poultry broth

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

**Cook time:** 8 hours

**Makes:** About 2 quarts

3 pounds turkey or chicken wings, drumsticks, necks (or a combination)

1 medium onion, cut into eighths

1 large or 2 medium-size carrots, sliced

1 rib celery, sliced

4 cloves garlic, sliced

3 or 4 sprigs fresh parsley

2 bay leaves

½ teaspoon each: black peppercorns, thyme, coriander seed

**1. Put everything** into a 6-quart slow-cooker. Add

10 cups (2 ½ quarts) boiling

water to cover ingredients by 2 inches.

**2. Cover** slow-cooker.

Cook on low for 8 hours.

Cool; strain broth through a fine mesh strainer into a container. Discard solids.

Refrigerate broth, covered,

up to a week or freeze in small containers for several months.

results in cooking green vegetables in the slow-cooker. Root vegetables, on the other hand, take well to covered, moist cooking



Make richly flavored mashed potatoes by cooking them with broth instead of water. The slow-cooker makes cleanup easy.

— perfect for a side dish of carrots glazed with maple syrup. Use the recipe here with a variety of colored carrots, parsnips and rutabaga. Golden, sautéed red onions and reduced wine catapult the simple vegetables into holiday fare.

Mashed potatoes in the slow-cooker? Yes, thank you. No need to constantly monitor potato doneness, and cleanup is easy. I make richly flavored potatoes by cooking them with broth in lieu of water. I use small boiling potatoes — red or Yukon gold with their peels

and plenty of garlic. After mashing, a generous dollop of crème fraîche adds richness and a bit of tanginess.

All of the recipes here can be made partly in advance or completely finished a day or two ahead. Use the microwave oven for successful reheating.

The key to a successful Thanksgiving dinner: Plan ahead, then shop and spread the cooking over a couple of days. That way, you'll have plenty of time and energy to spend at the table with family and friends.

1 tablespoon malt vinegar or apple cider vinegar  
Sprigs of fresh thyme or parsley or chives, for garnish  
**1. Heat** butter and oil in large nonstick skillet (or the bottom of slow-cooker if it is suitable for stovetop cooking) over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until nicely browned, about 10 minutes. Stir in wine and cook to reduce wine by half. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute. Stir in thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Remove from heat. (Refrigerate covered for up to three days.)  
**2. Cut** carrots into attractive 1-inch chunks.

single layer on two baking sheets. Bake, turning once or twice, until crisped and lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool. (Wrap croutons in foil up to a day in advance.)

**2. Meanwhile**, cook sausage and sweet onion in very large nonstick skillet (or bottom of slow-cooker if it's heatproof) over medium heat, chopping sausage into small bits and stirring until sausage is cooked through and golden, 25 to 30 minutes.

**3. Stir** celery, green onions, cranberries, sage and ginger purée into sausage mixture. (Refrigerate covered up to two days.)

**4. Put bread** into a large bowl. Stir in sausage mixture. Stir in enough of the heated broth to nicely moisten everything but not make it soggy (exact amount of broth needed will depend on the type of bread used and how moist you like your dressing). Stir in parsley, thyme, pepper and salt.

**5. Generously oil** bottom and sides of a 4- to 6-quart slow-cooker. Transfer the bread mixture to the slow-cooker. Dot the top with the softened butter. Cover slow-cooker. Cook on low for 3 to 4 hours, until edges are crispy. Dressing can stay on warm in the slow-cooker for up to 2 hours; check for sufficient moisture to prevent dry dressing. Serve hot.

## Cranberry apple dressing with sausage and ginger

**Prep time:** 30 minutes

**Cook time:** 4 ½ hours

**Makes:** 8 to 10 servings

**Note:** You can substitute about 12 cups large, dried bread cubes or unseasoned croutons for the first step in this recipe. You can substitute uncooked mild Italian sausage or Polish sausage, removed from the casing, for the mild breakfast sausage roll.

2 small loaves sourdough bread or hearty white sandwich bread, total 20 ounces, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 uncooked mild breakfast sausage roll (16 ounces), removed from casing

1 large (10 to 12 ounces) sweet onion, diced

4 ribs celery, diced

1 bunch green onions, trimmed, diced

½ cup dried cranberries

2 tablespoons rubbed sage

2 tablespoons refrigerated ginger purée

About 3 cups low-sodium turkey or chicken broth, heated

¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

½ teaspoon each: dried leaf thyme, freshly ground black pepper

½ to 1 teaspoon salt, to taste

3 or 4 tablespoons softened butter

**1. Heat** oven to 350 degrees. Spread bread pieces in a

## Mashed potatoes with garlic and cream

**Prep time:** 20 minutes

**Cook time:** 3 ½ hours

**Makes:** 8 servings

3 to 3 ¼ pounds medium-small red or yellow potatoes (or a combination), peeled if desired

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil

3 large cloves garlic, thinly sliced

¼ teaspoon thyme

1 cup low-sodium poultry broth, see recipe or use store-bought

½ cup crème fraîche or sour cream

1 teaspoon salt  
**1. Cut** potatoes into 2-inch chunks. Put potatoes and oil into 4- to 6-quart slow-cooker. Stir well to coat potatoes with oil. Stir in garlic and thyme. Pour broth over all.

**2. Cover** slow-cooker. Cook on low, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are quite soft, about 3 ½ hours.

**3. Use** potato masher to mash potatoes into the liquids in slow-cooker. Mash as smoothly as you'd like. Mash in crème fraîche and salt. Potatoes can be held in slow-cooker on the warm setting for up to 2 hours.

## Slow-cooker braised root vegetables with maple glaze

Vegetables that work well include carrots (multicolored are beautiful here), parsnips, turnips, rutabaga and kohlrabi. Use a mixture of colors and shapes for a flavorful dish.

**Prep time:** 25 minutes

**Cook time:** 4 ¼ hours

**Makes:** 8 servings

¼ cup of olive oil

¼ cup of butter

1 large or 2 small (10 to 12 ounces total) red

onions, halved, cut into thick wedges  
½ cup dry white wine or dry vermouth  
2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1 teaspoon rosemary  
1 teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt  
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
8 to 12 medium-size carrots (1 ½ pounds total), peeled, trimmed  
3 to 4 medium-sized parsnips or turnips (1 ¼ pounds total), peeled, ends trimmed  
1 cup low-sodium turkey, chicken or vegetable broth  
2 to 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup

1 tablespoon malt vinegar or apple cider vinegar  
Sprigs of fresh thyme or parsley or chives, for garnish  
**1. Heat** butter and oil in large nonstick skillet (or the bottom of slow-cooker if it is suitable for stovetop cooking) over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until nicely browned, about 10 minutes. Stir in wine and cook to reduce wine by half. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute. Stir in thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Remove from heat. (Refrigerate covered for up to three days.)  
**2. Cut** carrots into attractive 1-inch chunks.

Cut parsnips into ¼-inch rounds. If using turnips, cut into quarters; then cut each quarter into ¼-inch-wide slices. Place in 4- to 6-quart slow-cooker.

**3. Scrape** onion mixture into carrot mixture. Mix well. Add broth. Cover slow-cooker. Cook on low until vegetables are fork-tender, about four hours.

**4. Mix** maple syrup and vinegar in small dish. Use a slotted spoon to transfer vegetables to a serving bowl (reserve braising liquid for vegetable soup, if desired). Add maple syrup mixture to vegetables. Toss to coat. Serve hot garnished with herbs.